

Anno primo & secundo Philippi
& Mariae.

ACTES

made at a Parliament, begon
and holdē at Westminster, the. xij.
daye of Nouember, in the fyrste
and seconde years of the reigne of
our soueraygne Lorde and Lady
Philip and Mary, by the grace of
God, kinge & Quene of England,
france, Naples, Ierusalem, and
Ireland, defendours of the fayth,
Princes of Spayne and Cytille,
Archdukes of Austria, dukes of
Myllayn, Burgondie, and Bris-
band, countes of Hapsburg, Fla-
ders and Tyrol, and there conti-
nued and kept to the dissolution
of the same, beyng the. xvi.
day of Januar y then next
ensuyng, were enacted
as foloweth.

Cum privilegio Regie Maiestatis.

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The first Chapter.



HERE IN THE parliament
begon and holden at westminster, the
seconde day of Aprill, in the first yere
of the reygne of our moost hie and
gracious Soueraygne Ladye the
Queenes maiestie, and there continu-
ed and kept, till the dissolution of the
same, being the xviij day of May, then
next folowynge, one Acte was made
touchynge the articles of her highnes
moost noble marriage. In the which act
amongest other thinges it is enacted,

ordred, and establisshed by authoritie of the sayd parliament, that all
and singuler gistes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchaunges, confir-
mations, leases, and other writinges, which after the said marriage,
and during the same, shoulde passe, and be made of any benefices, offi-
ces, landes, reuenues, and frutes, or of any of them, shoulde be intite-
led and made in the names of our Soueraygne Lorde the King, and
of her moost excellent byghnes, wher ther his maiestie shoulde be pre-
sent, with in the Realmes and dominions of her highnes, or within any
of them, or absent. And that the same gistes, grauntes, letters paten-
tes, exchaunges, confirmations, leases, and other writinges, so lette
forth and made, shoulde be sealed, and signed with the signe manuell
of her highnes, and the same so signed and sealed with the great seale
of this realme, or with such seale as hath bene accustomed, shuld be by
thauthoritie of the sayde parliament, deemed, aduindged, declared, and
pronounced, to be as good perfect, and of like force strength, & effecte
in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, agaynst our
sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the King and the Queenes ma-
iesties, and her highnes heires and Successours, as if her maiestie
had bene at the tyme of the making thereof sole and unmarried, and
that al gistes, grauntes, letters patentes, exchaunges, confirmations,
leases, and other writinges, whiche after the sayde marriage, and
durynge the tyme of the same, shuld passe, and be made of the sayd be-
nifices, offices, landes, reuenues, and frutes, or of any of them, wher
unto the signe manuell, of her highnes, shuld be not be lette made, of
put, wher by authoritie of the sayde parliament, from tyme to tyme,
deemed, aduindged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force, ne ef-
fect, but utterly frustrate and voyde in the lawe, to all intentes, con-

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Intencions, and purposes, the sayd marriage, or any lawe, statute, by which
come to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, as by the sayde
Acte moze at large doth appeare.

Sythence the making of which Statute, and the solemnisation
of the sayde marriage, the Queenes moost excellent maiestie hath bene
greatly molested, greued, & troubled, with often signing of letters pa-
tentis, gyftes, grauntes, eschaunges, leases, and other wytynges
concerninge and touchyng benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and
frutes, made and graunted by, and from our sayd Soueraygne Lorde
the kynge, and her highnesse, to sondry of thei mooste louyng subie-
ctes, to whome also it hath bene, and is, no smal charge to attende vn-
tyll suche tyme as they may procure and obteyne the signe manuel of
her highnes, vnto thei sayd letters patentis, gyftes grauntes, es-
chaunges, confirmacions, and leases, without whiche signe, the same
are utterly voyde, by force of the said Statute, to the great daunger,
losse, and vnder vndoyng of diuers persons, that haue lately bought,
purchased, or opeyned of our sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the
kyng and Queenes maiesties, diuers landes, tenementes, and other
hereditamentes, to thei great costes and charges.

For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctorite of this present
parliament, that the sayd byaunche and article, touchyng, or concern-
yng onely the signing of letters patentis, gyftes, grauntes, eschaun-
ges, confirmacions, leases, or of other wytynges, for any landes, be-
nifices, offices, reuenues, frutes, or other hereditamentes, shalbe
from henceforth clerely repelled, and made frustrate, and voyde, to al
intentis, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by auctorite of this present parliament,
that all and singular letters patentis, touchyng, or concernyng any
gyfte, graunte, eschaunge, confirmation, lease, or other wytyng, the
whiche sythence the sayde marriage, hath passed, and be made of any
benefices, offices, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, frutes,
liberties, or other hereditamentes, or of any of them, in the names of
our moost dread Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and the
Queenes maiesties (the warraunt or wytyng, or warrauntes or wy-
tynges wherof beyng signed with her highnes signe manuall, in such
forme, or by, and degree, as the same heretofore haue bene accusto-
med to be signed, when her highnes was sole, and vnmarried) shalbe
by auctorite of this present parliament, of the same lyke force, stren-
gthe, and effecte in the lawe, to all intentis, constructions, and purpo-
ses, as yf the same were, or had bene signed by her highnes signe ma-
nuell, and as yf her maiestie had ben at the tyme of the making ther-
of sole and vnmarried, and as they were before the making of the
sayde acte. The sayde estatute, or any byaunche, or article therein con-
teyned to the contrary in any wyle, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the refozmation of excesse in apparell.

The.ii. Chapiter.



BE I T enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliamēt, that no person borne within this realme, or the dominions of the same, other then the sonne, a heire appaunte of a knyght, or other then such, as maye dispende. xx. li. by the yeare in landes, offices, fees, or other yearely reuenues for terme of lyfe, or be worth, in goodes. ii. l. shall after the xij. daye of Apryll nexte comming, weare anye maner of sylke, in or vpon his hatts, bonetts, night cappe girdle, shabarde, hoole, shoes, or spurre lethers, vpon payne of three moneths imprisonment, and forsaithure of. x. li. for every daye wearyng, contrary to the tenour of this acte.

AN D be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that Iudges of Assises in their circuits, Iustices of peace in their sessions, Shyrriffes, in their turnes, Sherwardes in letes and lawe dayes, Justices, Shyrriffes, and Bayliffes of cities, boroughes, and townes corporate in their courttes, shall, and maye enquire, heare, and determine from tyme to tyme, all and every the sayd offences committed, or done within the limites of the sayd severall iurisdiccions, and aucthorities, and wher any such forsaithures shall happen to be founde within the precincts of any citie, borough, towne, or corporate, lete, or lawe daye, then the Mayor, Shyrriffe, or Bayliffes of the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes, and owners of the sayde lete or lawe dayes, to have the one moitie of the sayd forsaithures, and the other moitie to be to anye subject of this realme, that wil sue for the same in any court of record by action, information, byll, or otherwise, in whiche no wages of lawe, protection, or assigne shalbe allowed. And wher such forsaithure shalbe founde oute of any citie, borough, towne, lete, or lawe daye, that the moitie of all such forsaithures shalbe to the kynge & Queenes maiesties, and the heires of the Queene, and the other moitie thereof to any of the said subjects, that wil sue for the same by byll, plaint, action, information, or otherwise in any court of record, as is aforesaid, in the which no wages of lawe, protection, or assigne shalbe admitted or allowed. And that all and every such person or persons, as have aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, to heare and determine the premises, may vpon the conviction of every such offender, awarde proccesse vnto the Shyrriffe of any shire within this realme for the apprehension of the sayd offendour, whiche beyng apprehended, shalbe committed by the Shyrriffe vnto the gaule of the said shire, there to remayne without bayle or maynpyle buttill the sayde offendoure hath payde the sayd forsaithure, wher in he is so convicted.

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And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, condicion, or degree soever he or they be, after the sayd fyft day of April next comming, knowyng any seruaunte or seruauntes of hys or theirs, to offende contrarie to this acte, do not putte the same out of hys or their seruite, but shall kepe in hys or their seruite the same offendoure or offendours by the space of xiiij. dayes, next after suche knowledge had, or elles being so put out of hys or their seruite, shall retayne the same offendour or offendours to hys or their seruite agayne within one yeaer next ensuiing the time of committing of any such offence, the same person or persons, so keepyng or reteynyng agayne, in, or to hys or their seruite any suche seruaunte or seruauntes, offendyng contrarie to the tenour of this acte, as is aforesayd, shall for every hys or their offence forsayd, C. li. of lawfull monye of Englande, the moptye whereof to be to the kyng and Queenes maiesties hse, and the heyres & successours of the Queene, and the other moptye to hym, that wpll sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action, byll, playnt, inforamation, or otherwylse wherin no wager of lawe, essonne, or protection shall be admitted or allowed.

PROVIDED alwaye, and be it enacted, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any person beyng of, or aboue the degree of a knyghtes sonne, or daughter, or being wyfe to anye of them, nor to suche as haue bene, be, or shall be Maior, Baplyffe, Alderman, or head officer in any cite, borough, or towne corporate, or to the wyfe of any of them, nor to any of the kinges or Queenes seruauntes in ordinarie wages attendaunt, and wearyng the kinges or Quenes ordinarie liveries, but that they, and every of them, may ble, and weare as they, or any of them might lawfullye ble and weare, before the making of this acte.

PROVIDED also, that no person shall be compelled by this acte, to put awaye his pientise or hyred seruaunt before the ende of the terme before agreed betwene the, nor that any master shall forseyte or loose any paine or forsayture for the keepyng of his pientise or hyred seruaunt after hys offence, contrarie to this acte, vnto the ende of the terme before agreed betwene them. Anye thyng abovesayd to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

PROVIDED also, that women may weare in theyr cappes, battes, gyrdles, and hoodes, as they, or anye of them myghte ble and weare lawfully before the making of this acte.

An Acte agaynst sedicious wordes and rumors.

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Here it is contained as wel in the Statute of Westminster the firste, as in the Statute made at Gloucester the seconde yere of the raygne of kynge Rycharde the seconde, þat no man shuld be so hardye, to contrarie, speake, or tell anye false newes, byes, or other suche lyke falsche thynges of Prelates, Dukes, Earles, Barons, and other nobles & Deares of the realme, or of the Chancelour, Treasurer, Clerke of the priuie seale, Steward of the kinges householde, Justice of the one banche, or of thother, or of any other great officers of this Realme. And that euery such offendour shulde be taken, and imprisoned, vntil suche time, as he had brought him or them forth, which did speake the same. And where also at a Parliament holden at Cambridge, in the xii yere of the raygne of the sayde kynge Rycharde, it was also enacted, that where anye suche offendour, as is aforesayde shulde be taken and imprisoned, and coulde not fynde him, of whome he hearde those newes, whiche he spake, as is aforesayd, that then the same speaker shoulde be punished by the aduise of the counsell, as by the same Actes amongst other moze playnely doe, and maye appeare.

Be It enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that, all and euery the sayd former Actes and Statutes shall be, and remaine in their full force, strengthe, and effecte, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes. And further, that Justices of the peace in euery Shyre, cite, and towne, corporate within the limites of their senerall commissions, shall by aucthoritie of this present Acte, haue full power to examine, heare, and determine the causes abouesayd, in the sayde two first Actes specified, and to put the sayd two first Statutes, and euery branche in them contained in due execution, that from henceforth condigne punishment be not defarrd from such offendours.

And sozasmuche as diuerse and sondrye malicious and euil disposed persons maliciouslye, sediciouslye, rebelliouslye, and vnnaturallye, contrary to the duetie of their fidelities and allegiaunces haue nowe of late not onelye ymagined, inuented, practized, spoken, and spredde abroade diuerse & sondrye false, sedicious, and slanderous newes, rumors, sayinges, and tales, agaynst our mooste dreade Soueraygne Lord and kynge, and agaynst our most naturall Soueraygne Ladye and Quene, and agaynst eyther of them, of whome we are forbidden to thinke euill, and much moze to speake euill, which offence soundeth, and is as well to the greate dishonour, reproche, and scandal of their most excellent maiesties, as also to the great scaundre of this their realme, and other their dominions. but also haue deuised, made, wyrtten, pynted, published, and set forth diuerse haynous, sedicious, and slanderous wyrttings, ryms, ballades, letters, papers, and bookes, intending and practising thereby to moue and stirre sedicions, discorde, discention, & rebellion within this realme, to the great

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perill and daunger of the same.

FOR auoydng wherof, be it enacted by thauthortie of this present Parliament, that yf any person or persons, after the .xx. daye of februarye next ensuyng, and after open Proclamation made of this Acte, shall maliciouslye, of his or their ymagination, speake anye false sedicious & slanderous newes, rumors, saynges, or tales of our sayd Soueraigne Lord & King, or of our sayd most natural Soueraigne Lady & Quene, that then al & euery such person and persons so offendng, being thereof conuicted or attaynted, in forme hereafter, in this Acte expresse, shall for euery tiste offence, in some markette place, within the Shire, Citie or Borough, where, or neare vnto the place, where the sayd wordes were or shalbe so spoken, be sette openly vpon the pillorie, be p Sherriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without any citie, or towne corporate. And yf it happen to be within suche citie or towne corporate then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue both his eares cutte of, onlesse he paye one hundred poundes to the King and Queenes highnes vnto in one moneth next after iudgement giuen of his sayde offences, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of thre monethes, after suche his or their execution.

And it is likewise enacted by thauthortie aforesayde, that all, and euery person & persons, whiche after the sayde daye, and after Proclamation made of this Acte, shall maliciously speake anye false, sedicious, and slanderous newes rumors, or tales, to the slander and reproche of our sayd Soueraigne Lord the Kyng, or of our sayde most naturall Soueraigne Lady the Quene, of the speakyng or reportyng of any other, that then all, and euerye suche person or persons so speaking and reportyng, being thereof conuicted or attaynted, in forme hereafter, in this acte expresse, shall for euerye offence in some market place, within the Shire, citie, borough, or towne, where, or neare vnto the place, where the sayd wordes were, or shalbe so spoken & reported, be set openly vpon p pillorie by the Sherriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate. And yf it shal happen to be within such citie or towne corporate, then by p principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his, or their ministers, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, onlesse he pay one hundred markes to the kynges & Queenes highnes vnto, within one moneth next after iudgement giuen of his sayd offence, and also shal suffer imprisonment by the space of one moneth after his or their execution.

And be it further enacted by thauthortie aforesayd, that yf anye person or persons shal after the sayd daye, and after Proclamation made, as is aforesayd, maliciously deuise, write, printe, or set forth any maner of booke, ryme, ballade, lettre, or wytyng, conteynyng anye false

false matter, clauſe, or ſentence of ſlandre, reproche, and diſhonour
 of the king & Queenes maiesties, or of either of them, or to the encour-
 aging, ſurring, or moving of anye inſurrection or rebellion within
 this realme, or anye the dominions belonging to the ſame. Or wholo-
 uer ſhall maliciously procure anye ſuche booke, epme, ballade, letter,
 or writing, to be written, printed, or ſet forth (and the ſayd offence not
 being puniſhable by the Statute made in the x. year of the reygne
 of king Edward the third, concerning treaſons, by declaration of trea-
 ſon) that then, and in euery ſuch caſe, the offender and offenders ther-
 in after bys or their conuiction or attaynder, ſhall for his or theys first
 offence, in ſome market place, within the ſhire, citie, or borough, where
 the ſayd offence, is, or ſhalbe committed or done, by the ſheriffe, or bys
 miniſters, yf it ſhall ſortune to be withoute anye citie, or towne corpo-
 rate, and yf within ſuche citie or towne corporate, then by the princi-
 pal officer, or officers of ſuch citie or town corporate, or by his or their
 miniſters, haue his and their right hande ſtretched out.
 And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that of anye
 perſon or perſons, being once lawfullye convicted of any of theſe offences
 aforeſayde, nowhe provided to be puniſhed by the execution of loſſes of
 eare, cheere, or hande, as is aforeſayd, do afterwarde, etſonew offend
 in anye of theſe offences aforeſayde, that then bey they ſo offendynge,
 ſhall ſuffer impaiſonment, duringe bys or theys ryues, without baile
 or maynpryſe, and ſo ſtepe & loſſe to the king and Queenes maiesties
 all that they haue goodes and catrelles.
 And be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that Juſtices of
 oyer & detenminet, within the limites of their commiſſion, Juſtices
 of ſhires in their ſeverall circuittes, Juſtices of gable deliuerie, and Ju-
 ſtices of peace, as well within the liberties as without, within the li-
 mites of their ſeverall commiſſions, in their general ſeſſions, or other
 ſeſſions, which they or two of them whereof one of them to be of the
 oyer & detenmine, ſhall appoynte at their pleaſure, where, and when
 neede ſhal require, & ſhal by vertue hereof haue full power and auctho-
 rite to enquire, heare, and detenmine, all and euery theſe offences afore-
 ſayd, as in caſes and triall of felonye. And that the partie indicted and
 arrayned, ſhal haue aduantage of all maner of chalenges to the Ju-
 ſtice (petemptorye challenge only excepte) as in triall of felonye.
 And alſo that euerye Juſtice of peace within the limites of his
 commiſſion ſhal haue full power and aucthoritie to committe anye per-
 ſon, being be heimentlye ſuſpected of any of the ſayd offences, to ward,
 there to remaine without baile or maynpryſe, untill he ſhalbe deliue-
 red, accordyng to thys Acte.
 And be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde,
 that no maner of perſon or perſons ſhalbe impleaded, or impeched for a-
 ny of theſe offences, concerning ſpeaking, or reportyng, as is aforeſayd,
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unless he or they be thereof accused and convicted within three monethes next after his or their sayde offence so committed or done. And in case any person shalbe imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences concerning swearing or reportinge and not thereof convicted, within three monethes next after his offence supposed to be by hym done and committed, that then the person so imprisoned shalbe set at libertie and no longer deteyned in prison.

It is provided also, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that everie such Mayor, Bailiff, Bayliffe, and other heads officer and officers of cities, boroughes, and townes corporate which have, or hereafter shall have iurisdiction and authoritie, within the several limits of their office or offices, to hold and kepe sessions, as Justice or Justices of the peace shal, and may by authoritie hereof, as well arrest and committe to ward, al, & everie person and persons being behemantly suspected of any of the offences aforesayd, as also to proceede to the execution, hearing, and determining of every the said offences, and to see, and make due execution thereof, according to the purporte, meaning and effecte of this present Acte. Ande thynge is the same Acte heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided also, that the sayde Justice of peace, as well within libertie as without, the which shall for anye the offences aforesayd, committe anye person or persons to ward, as is aforesayd, shal within in tenne dayes next after such committing, with one other Justice, whereof one of them to be of the Quene directs these precepts to the Sherriffe or Sherriffes of the countie, where the offence shalbe committed, or to other ordinary officer, if it be within anye citie, or towne corporate, where the Sherriffe can not intronnye, commanding him or them by the same inpanell and returne, as they shal assigne, xxiii. good and lawfull men of his or their barlywyke or barlywykes, to enquire of the sayde offence or offences by which anye such person or persons shalbe so imprisoned for. And thereupon within one moneth after the date of the sayd precept, to proceede and determine, as above is expressed. Everie one of the same Justices, upon the payne of .s. ii. to be payed to the king, & Quenes highnesses, as often as they shalbe founden in defaulte of anye the same.

It is provided also and be it enacted, that this Acte shalbe proclaimed in all the shires within this realme, before the .xii. daye of februarye next coming, to the intent that al persons may have notice thereof and avoide the perill and daunger that might ensue by offendynge against the same. And this Acte to be onely in force, vntyl the ende of the next Parliament, and no longer.

It is provided also, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that none of the peaces of this realme shalbe arrested or imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences, but onely by order or commaundement,

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gyuen from the kyng and Quenes pziue counsaile, oz of the heyres of the Queene, and that the sayde peares, and euery of them, that shal hereafter fortune to be indicted of any the offences aforesaid, shal be tried by their peares, as befoze hath ben accustomed in caces of trefon oz fellowie.

An Acte for the punishment of certayne persons callinge them selues Egyptians.

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Here in a parliamente holden at Westmynster in the .xvii. yere of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde Kyng Henry the yght (for the auoyding and banyshinge oute of this realme of certayne outlandishe people, callinge them selues Egyptians, vsinge no crafte nor seate of marchaundyses for to lyue by, but going from place to place, in great companies, vsing great, suttile, and craftye meanes, to disceaue the kinges Subiectes, bearing them in hand, that they by palmistrie coulde tell mens and womens fortune, and so many tymes by crafte and subteltie, disceaue the people of the yz money, and committed diuers greate and heynous felonies, and robberies, to the great hurt and disceypt of the people). It was amongst other thinges then enacted, that from the tyme of the makinge of the sayde Acte, no suche personnes shoulde be suffered to come within this the kinges realme, vpon payne of forsaytore to the kyng, all theyr goodes and cartels, and then to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within .xv. dayes next after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment, and suche persons callinge them selues Egyptians, as then were within this realme, shoulde depart within .xvi. dayes next after proclamation of the sayde Acte vpon payne of imprisonment and forseypture of all theyr goodes and cartels with diuers other clauses & articles conteyned in þ sayd acte, as by the sayd Acte moze at large it appeareth. Forasmuche as diuers of the sayde company, and suche other lyke personnes, not fearing the penaltie of the sayd Statute, haue enterprised to come ouer agayne into this realme, vsing theyr olde accustomed deuelysh, and noughty practises and deuises, with suche abhominable liuinge, as is not in any Chyistian realme to be permitted, named, oz knowen, and be not duely punished for the same, to the perellous and euyl example of our soueraygne Lorde and Lady: the kyng and the Quenes maiesties moost louinge subiectes, and to the bitter and extreame vndoynge of diuers and many of them, as evidently doth appeare.

For refozation wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and Quene our soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by thauctozitie of the same, that yf any person oz persons after the laste

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last daye of January next comming, do willingly transport, bynge, and conuey into this realme of England, or Wales, any such persons calling them selus, or commonly called Egyptians, that then he or they, so transporting, bynginge, or conueying in, any suche persons, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, shall forfeit and lose for e- uery tyme so offending, forty poundes of lawfull money of England.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any of the sayd persons called Egyptians, which shalbe transported and conueyed into this realme of England or Wales, as is aforesayde, do continue, and remayne within the same, by the space of one moneth, that then he or they so offending, shall by vertue of this acte, be deemed and adiudged a felon, and fellows, and shall therfore suffer paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony, by the Dyce of the common lawe of this realme, and shall vpon the tryall of them, or any of them, therein, be tried in the countie, and by thynhabitauntes of the countie or place, where they or he shalbe apprehended or taken, and not *Per medietatem lingue*, and shall lose the benefite and priuilege of sanctuary and clergy.

And be it further enacted by thauctozitie aforesayde, that yf the Egyptians, and other persons, commonly calling themselves Egyptians, and euery of them, now being within this realme of Englande, or Wales, do not depart out of the same within .xx. dayes nexte after proclamation of this present acte shalbe made, that then he or they whiche shall not depart within the sayd tyme, accordinge to the true meaning of this Acte, shall forfeite and lose all his and theys goodes and catelles, and that then it shalbe lawfull to al and euery the kynge and the Quenes subiectes, to lease the same, thone moytie thereof to be to the vse of our soueraygne Lord & Lady the kynge & the Quene, and thother moytie therof to be to the vse of hym or them that shal so lease the same.

And be it also enacted by thauctozitie aforesayd, that yf the Egyptians, and other persons commonly called Egyptians, and euerye of them, now being within this realme of Englande or Wales, do not departe out, and from the same, within .xl. dayes next after proclamation shalbe made of this acte that then he or they, which shall not departe, and auoyde within the sayd tyme of .xl. dayes, accordinge to the true meaning of this acte, shalbe adiudged and deemed, accordinge to the lawes of this realme of England, a felon, and fellows, and shall suffer therfore paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in other cases of felony, and shalbe tryed as is beforesaid, and without hauing any benefite or priuilege of Sanctuary or clergy.

And be it further enacted by thauctozitie aforesayde, that yf anye person after the sayd day of January next commynge, shall sue for the obteyninge of any licence, lettre, or passport, for anye of the sayde persons

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sons called Egyptians, to abide or continue within this realm of Eng-
lande or Wales, contrary to the tenour of this acte, that then every
such persone so lving, shall forfeite and loose for the same fortie poun-
des of lawfull money of England, and that every such license, lettre
& passport, shall be by vertue of this acte void, to all intentes and pur-
poses, thone moitie of all whiche summes of money to be forfeited, as
is before sayd, shall be to the Kyng and Queene our soueraygne Lord
and Lady, and thother moitie thereof to be to hym or them, that will
lue for the same, in any court of recorde, by action of dette, bill, playnt,
or information, wherein any esoygne, wager of lawe, nor protectio,
shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde,
that this present acte, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not ex-
tende, nor be hurtfull to any of thesayde persones, commonly called
Egyptians, whiche within thesayde tyme of twenty dayes nexte af-
ter thesayde proclamation to be made, as is before sayde, shall leave
that naughty, idle, and vngodly lyfe, and companie, and be placed in
the service of some honeste and able inhabitaunte or inhabitauntes,
within this realme, or that shall honestly exercise him selfe in some law-
full worke or occupation, but that he or they so continuing in service or
other lawfull worke or occupation, shall during such tyme as he or they
shall so continue, be discharged of all paynes, and forfeitures, contay-
ned in this acte.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that
this acte shall not in any wise extende to any chyld or chyldren, be-
yng not above the age of. xiiii. yeares, nor to any of the said persons,
beyng now in prison, so that he or they, so beyng in prison, do depart
out of this realme, within. xiiii. dayes next after his or their delivrie
out of prison, nor shall extende to charge any manner of person or per-
sons, as accessory to any offence or offences, contayned or specified in
this estatute.

**An acte to restrayne caryeng of come, victuals, and
woodde over the sea.**

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Where as sundry good estatutes and lawes hath been
made within this realme in the tyme of the queenes
highnes most noble progenitors, that none should tra-
sparte, carpe or conuey out of this realme into any
place in the parties beyond yles any come, butter,
cheese, or other victual except only for the victualing
of the townes of Calys, Hames, & Cupines, and the marches of the

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same, vpon diuerse greate paines and forfeitures in thesame content-
ned, that notwithstanding many and sondre covetous and vnfacia-
ble persones, lykynge their onely luctes and gaires, faith, and dailely
doeth carie and conueigh innumerable quantitie, alwel of cozne, cheese,
butter, and other victuall, as of wood out of this realme, into the par-
ties beyonde the seas. By reason wherof thesaied cozne, victuall, and
woode, are growen vnto a wonderfull dearth, and extreme prices, to
the greate detrimente of the Common wealthe of this your highnes
realme, and your faithfull subiectes of thesame.

For remedie wherof, it maie please your highnesse that it maie bee
enacted, and be it enacted by your highnesse, by thassent of the lordes
spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliamēt
Assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that no maner of persone or
persones, after the .xx. daie of January next comynge, shall carie and
transport out of this realme by any Shippe, Crater, or other vessell,
whatsoeuer, into any place in the parties beyonde the seas, or into the
realme of Scotlande, any wheate, rie, barley, or other cozne or grain,
growing within this realme, or any malte made within thesame, or
any bere, butter, cheese, herryng, or woode, except onely to, and for the
vituallyng and furniture of the townes of Calice, Hāmes, and Gull-
nes, and to the town of Berwik, and the marches of thesame, with-
out sufficient and lawfull aucthoritie so to doo, vpon the paines & pe-
nalties hereafter ensuyng, that is to saie, thowner and owners of the
saied shippes and other vesselles, to forfeite thesaied shippes, craters,
and other vesselles, with all their apparells, to them and euery of them
belongynge, wherein the sayde cozne, butter, cheese, herryng, victuall,
or wood shalbe so transported and caried, and the owners and owner
of the sayde cozne, butter, cheese, herryng, and wood, to forfeite the
double value of the same, so caried and conueyed, and the mayster and
marcenours of euery of the sayd shippes, craters, and vesselles, for eu-
ery suche offence, to forfeite all their goodes, and to be imprisoned, by
the space of one whole yeare without bayle or maynprie.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any
person or persons, after the sayd twenty day of January, do carie and
conueye awaye by Bote, Crayer, or other vessell, or other wyse anye
wheate, rie, barley, malte, or other cozne or graine, or any bere, but-
ter, cheese, herryng, or wood to any Shippe or Vessel, being on the
Seas, or within any Hauen, creeke, or other place of the border of this
Realme to be transported, caried, and conueyed into any place in the
parties beyonde the Seas, or into the realme of Scotlande, without
sufficient aucthoritie so to doo, that then euery owner of the sayd ves-
sell, cozne, and other thynges aboue sayde, so transported or ca-
ried, and the owner and owners of euery suche bote or vessell, and the
botemen and marcenours of the same shall loose, forfeite, and suffer all
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suche forfeitures, paines, and penalties, as is aboue rehearsed, thone moytie of all, and euery whiche forfeiture or forfeitures, to be to the Kyng and Queenes hyghnes, their heyres and successours, and thother moytie to hym or them, that will sue for the same by bill, information, action of debte, or otherwys in anye of the Kyng and Queenes hyghnes courtres of recorde, in whiche action, bill, or suite, the defendaut shall not wage hys lawe, nor haue any essoygne or protection to hym allowed.

And be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd, that if any persone or persones shall obtayne of the Kyng and Queenes maiesties, their heyres or successours, or of any of them, any licence to carie and transporte any cozne, victuall, or wood, into any parties beyonde the seas, that if he or they, to whome any suche licence, shall be graunted, or any other, to whome suche persone or persones, hauing such licence, shall gyue, graunt, or sell his or their said licence vnto, shall carie, and conueye, or cause to be caried and conueyed any moze cozne, victuall, or wood, then shall be conteyned in hys or their sayd licence, shall forfeite the triple value of the sayd cozne, victuall, or wood so caried and transported, withoute sufficient auctoriztie, and shall suffer imprisonment for one whole yere in the common gaole, where he shall be apprehended, there to remayne without bayle or maynprie.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that no manner of persone or persones, after the sayd xx. daie of Januarie, that shall obteyne, or haue any suche licence for transporthyng and carryng any cozne, victuall, or wood, into any parties beyonde the seas, shall shippe, lade, and fraughte the same, or anye parte thereof, at sondrye places within this realme, but at one place certaine, vpon paine of forfeiture of the sayd cozne, victuall, & woode, and all his goodes & rattels, thone moytie thereof to the Kyng and Queenes maiesties, their heires, and successours, and thother moytie to hym or them, that will sue for the same by action of debte, bill, playnte, information, or otherwys, wherein no wager of lawe, essoygne, or protection shall be to hym or them allowed.

And for the better executiō of this acte, be it further enacted by the auctoriztie aforesayd, that all and singuler Justices of peace, as well within the liberties as without, within their seuerall auctorities and commissions at any tyme, within thre yeres next after suche offences committed, shall haue full powre and auctoriztie to enquire as toel by the othes of twelue lawfull men, as also to heare and examine the mayster, maisters, and mariners of the sayd shippes, caryers, & other vessels, and all, and euery other persone and persones, of all, and singuler offenders against this present Acte, and so heare and determine the same offences, as they maye, and ought to heare and determine any other trespasses, or offences.

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Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that at all time and times hereafter, when the common price of cozne within this realme is, that wheate shall not excede the price of. vi. s. viij. d. the quarter, and rye. iij. s. the quarter, and barley. iij. shillings the quarter, it shalbe lawfull to euery persone and persones to cary & transpote ouer the sea to any place beyonde the seas at their pleasure of the sayde kyndes of cozne, so that it be not to the kyng and Quenes enemies.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that this Acte, ne any thyng therein contayned, shall extende to anye person or persons for the necessary victelyng of any shyppe, shippes, or other vessels, but that they, and euery of them, may victayle the sayde shippes and vessels, as they myght haue done before the making of this present acte. This acte or any thyng therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull vnto the Lorde great Admirall of Englande, for the tyme being, or to the kyng and Quenes maiesties iurisdiction of the Admiraltie, but that the sayd Lorde Admiral, or his deputie, or deputies, maye, and shall exercise, vse, and execute all kynde of iurisdiction, belonging to the sea, according to his or their commissions, as they might lawfully haue done heretofore. This acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte for the reuiving of three Statutes made for the punishment of heresies.

The. vi. Chapter.



Of the eschuing and auoyding of errours & heresies, whiche of late haue rplen, growen, and muche increased within this realme, for that the Ordinaries haue wanted auctoritie to procede against those, that wer infected therewith. Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the Statute made in the first yere of the reigne of king Rycharde the seconde, concerning the arrestyng and apprehension of erronious and hereticall preachers, and one other Statute, made in the seconde yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the fourth, concerning repellling of heresies, and punishment of heretikes, and also one other Statute made in the seconde yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the fifth, concerning the suppression of heresye and lollardye, and euery Article, Braunche, and sentence conteigned in the same three seuerall Actes

actes, and euery of theim, shall fro the ttwentie daie of January next commyng, be reuiuied, and be in full force, strengthe, and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes for euer.

¶ The tenor of the acte, made in the fiueth yere of kyng Richard, is as foloweth. Chapter. v.



Letm, forasmuche as it is openly knowen, that there be diuers euil persones within the realme goyng from countie to countie, and from toune to toune, in certain habites, vnder dissimulaciō of great holuesse, and without the licence of the Ordinaries of the places, or other sufficient authoritie, preaching dailey, not onely in Churches and churchyardes, but also in markettes, faires, and other open places, where a greate congregacion of people is, diuers sermons conteinyng heresies, and notoztous errours, to the great embleamithyng of the christen faith, and destruction of the Lawes, and of the estate of holy Church, to the greate pericle of the soules of the people, and of all the realme of England, as moze plainly is found, and sufficiently proued, before the reuerent father in God the Archebishop of Canterbury, and the Bishoppes, and other prelates, masters of diuinitie, and doctours of Canon and of Ciuill, and a greate parte of the clergie of thesaied realme: specially assembled for this cause: whiche persones doe also preache diuers matters of slander, to engendze discorde and dissention betwixt diuers estates of the saied realme, aswell spirituall, as tempozall, in excityng of the people, to the greate perill of all the Realme, whiche preachers cited or summoned before the Ordinaries of the places, there to answer of that, wherof thei bee impeched, will not obeie to their summons and commandementes, nor care not for their monicions nor Senlures of the holy church, but expzessely despise theim: And mozeouer, by their subtil and ingenious woozdes, do draue the people to heare their Sermons, and do maintein them in their errours by strong hande, and by greate routes: It is ordeined and assented in this present Parliament that the Kynges commissions be made and directed to the Sheriffes and other ministers of our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, or other sufficient persones learned, and accorpyng to the certificaciōs of the prelates therof to bee made in the Chauncerie, from tyme to tyme, to arrest all suche preachers, and also their fautours, maintainers, and abettours, and to holde them in arrest and strong prysone, till thei will iustifie them, accorpyng to the lawe and reason of holy Church. And the kyng will and commaundeth, that the Chauncellour make suche commissions at all tymes, that he by the prelates, or any of them shall be certified, and therof required, as is aforesaid.

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The tenor of the seconde acte, made in the seconde yere
of Kyng Henry the.iiij. is as foloweth. Cha. xv.



Item, where as it is shewed to our soueraigne Lord
the Kyng, on the behalfe of the prelates and clergie of
his realme of Englande in this present Parliament,
that although the catholike faith builded vpon Christ
and by his Apostles, and the holy church sufficiently
determined, declared, and approued, hath been hether
to by good and holy, and moste noble progenitours of our soueraigne
Lord the Kyng in thesaied Realme, emongest all the realmes of the
worlde, moste deuoutly obserued, and the Church of Englande, by
his saied moste noble progenitours and auncestours, to the honoz of
God, and the whole realme aforesaid, laudably endowed, and in her
rightes and liberties sustained, without that that thesame faith, or the
saied Church was hurte or grauouly oppressed, or els perturbed by
any peruerse doctrine, or wicked hereticall or erroneous opinions: yet
neuerthelesse, diuers false and peruerse people, of a certain newe sect
of the faith of the Sacramentes of the Church, and the auctoritie
of thesame, damnably thinkyng, and against the lawe of God, and of
the church, vsurpyng the office of preachyng, do peruersly and mali-
ciously, in diuers places within thesaied realme, vnder the colour of
dissembled holinesse, preache and teache thesedaies openly and priuely,
diuers newe doctrines, and wicked hereticall and erroneous opinions,
contrary to thesame faith, and blessed determinacions of the holy
Church. And of suche secte and wicked doctrine and opinions, thei
make vnlawfull conuenticles, and confederacies, thei hold and exer-
cise scholes, thei make and write booke, thei do wickedly instruct and
infourme people, and asmuche as thei maie, excite and stirre them to
sedicion and insurreccion, and maketh great strife and diuision among
the people, and other enozmities horrible to be heard, dailely doo per-
petrate and commit, in subuersion of thesaied catholike faith, and do-
ctrine of the holy church, in diminucion of Gods honour, and also in
destruccion of the estate, rightes, and liberties of thesaied church of
Englande, by whiche secte and wicked and false preachynges, doctri-
nes, and opinions of thesaied false and peruerse people, not onely moste
greatest perill of the soules, but also many more other hurtes, flann-
ders, and perilles (which God prohibite) might come to this realme,
onlesse it be the more plentifully and speedely holpen by the kynges ma-
iestie in this behalfe, namely where as the diocesans of thesaied realme
cannot by their iurisdiction spiritual, without aide of thesaied royall
Majestie, sufficiently correcte thesaied false and peruerse people, nor
restrain their malice, because thesaied false and peruerse people doe go
from Dioces to Dioces, and will not appeare before thesaied Dioces-
sans, but thesame Diocesans, and their iurisdiction spiritual, and the
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hates of the churche, with the censures of the same, doo bitterly contempne and despise, and so their wicked preachynges and doctrines, dooeth from daie to daie continue and exercise, to the hatred of right and reason, and vttter destruction of order and good rule. Upon which newelties and excesses aboue reherfed. The Bishops and Clergie aforesaid, and also the commons of the said realme, beyng in the same parliament, prayng our soueraigne the kyng, that his roiall highnes would vouchesaue in the said parliamente, to prouide a conueniente remedie, the same our soueraigne Lorde the kyng, gracionly considering the premisses, and also the laudable steppes of his said moste noble progenitours and auncesters, for the conseruation of the said catholike faith, and sustentation of Goddes honour, and also the safegarde of the state, rightes, and liberties of the said Churche of Englande, to the laude of God, and merite of our said soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and prosperitie & honour of all his said realme, and for the eschewing of suche dissentions, diuisions, hurtes, slaunders, and perilles, in tyme to come, and that this wicked secte, preachynges, doctrines and opinions, should from hencefoorth cease, and be vttterly destroyed, by thassent of the states, & other discrete men of the realme, beyng in the said parliament, hath graunted, stablISHED, and ordeined fro hencefoorth, fermyly to be obserued, that none within the said realme or any other dominions, subiect to his royall maiestie, presume to preach openly or priuely, without the licence of the Diocesan of the same place, first required and obtained, curates in their owne churches, and persones hether to priuiledged, and other of the canon lawe graunted, onely excepte. For that none from hencefoorth any thynge preach, hold, teache, or instructe openly, or priuely, or make, or write any booke contrary to the catholike faith, or determination of the holy churche nor of suche secte and wicked doctrines and opinions, shall make any conuenticles, or in any wise hold or exercise Schooles. And also that none from hencefoorth in any wise fauour suche preacher, or maker of any suche, and like conuenticles, or holdyng or exercisynge schooles, or makynge, or writyng suche bookes, or so teachyng, in fournyng, or excityng the people, nor any of thein maintein, or in any wise sustein. And that all, and singuler hauyng suche bookes, or any writynges of suche wicked doctrine and opinions, shall really with effect deliuer, or cause to be deliuered all suche bookes & writynges to the Diocesan of the same place, within xl. daies, from the tyme of the proclamation of this ordinaunce & statute. And if any person or persones, of whatsoeuer kinde, estate, or condition that he or they be, fro hencefoorth do or attēpt against the royall ordinaunce & statute aforesaid in the premisses or in any of the, or suche bookes in the fourme aforesaid do not deliuer, then the diocesan of the same place in his dioces, suche persone or persones in this behalfe defamed, or euidently suspected, & etery of the

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maie by the authoritie of thesaied ordinance and Statute, cause to be arrested, and vnderlaue custodie in his prisons to be detained, till he or they of the articles laied to hym or them in this behalfe, do canonically purge hym or theim self, or els suche wicked secte, preachynges, doctrines, and hereticall and erronious opinions do abiure, according as the lawes of the churche doeth require, so that thesaied diocesan by hymself, or his commissaries, do openly and iudicially procede against suche persones so arrested, and remainyng vnder his laue custodie to all effecte of the lawe, and determine that same businesse, according to the Canoncalle decrees, withyn three monethes after thesaied arrest, any lawfull impedimēt ceassyng. And if any persone in any case aboue expressed, be before the diocesan of that place, or his commissaries canonically conuict: then thesame diocesan maie do to be kept in his prison, thesaied persone so conuict, for the maner of his default, and after the qualitie of the offence, according and as long as to his discrecion shal seme expedient, and mozeouer to put thesame persone to the secular court, except in cases where he according to the canoncalle decree ought to be left, to paie to our soueraigne lord the kyng, his pecuniar fine, according as thesame fine shal seme competent to the diocesan, for the maner and qualitie of the offence, in whiche case thesame diocesan, shalbe bounde to certifie the kyng of thesame fine in his eschequer by his Letters Patentes, sealed with his seale, to the effecte that suche fine by the kynges authoritie, maie bee required and leuied to his vse of the goodes of thesame persone so conuict. And if any person within thesaied realme and dominions, vpon thesaied wicked preachynges, doctrines, opinions, schooles, and hereticall and erronious informations, or any of them be before the diocesan of thesame place, or his commissaries sentencially conuict, & thesame wicked sect, preachynges, doctrines, and opinions, schooles, & informations, doe refuse duely to abiure, or by the diocesan of thesame place or his commissaries after the abiuration made by thesame persone pronounced fall into relapse, so that according to the holy canons, he ought to be left to the secular court, wherevpon credence shalbee giuen to the diocesan of thesame place, or to his commissaries in this behalfe, then the Sheriffe of the countie of thesame place, and Shaloz and Sheriffes or Sheriffe, or Shaloz and Bailiffes of the citie, towne, and borough of thesame Countie nexte to thesame diocesan, or thesaied Commissaries, shalbee personally present in preferring of suche sentences, when they by thesame diocesan or his commissaries shalbe required: and that thesame persones and enery of theim, after suche sentence promulgate, shall receiue: and theim before the people in an high place dooe to be hente, that suche punishment maie strike in feare to the myndes of other, wherby no suche wicked doctrine and hereticall and erronious opinions, nor their auctours and fauours in thesaied realme and dominions

minions agaynst the catholike fapth, chrysten lator, and determination of the holy churche (whiche God prohibite) be susceyned, or in any wise suffered, in whiche al, and singular the premises, concerning the sayde ordinaunce and statute, the sheriffes, mayors, and bayliffes, of the sayd countie, cities, boroughes, and townes, shalbe attending, ayding, and suppoztynge, to the sayd diocesans and their commissaries.

The tenor of the thysd Acte made in the seconde yere of kyng Henry the fyfte, is as foloweth.

Whemforasmuche as greafe runions, congregacions, & insurrections, heretofore in the realme of Englande by dissente of the kynges liege people, as wel by them which were of the secte of heresies commonly called lollardie, as by other of their confederacie, exclamation, & abettment, now of late were made, to the intent to aduul, destroye, and subuerse the chrysten fapth, and the laboure of God and holy churche wythin this same realme of Englande, & also to destroye the same our soueraygne lord the kyng, and all other maner of estates of the same realme of Englande, as wel spirituall as temporall, and also all maner of polite and finally the lawes of the lande. The same our soueraygne lord the kyng, to the honour of god, and in seruacion & iustification of the chrysten fapth, and also in saluation of his roiall estate, and of the estate of all his realme, willing agaynst the malice of suche heretikes and lollardes, to provide a more open remedy and punishment ther, hath bene had and bled in the case heretofore, so that for feare of the same lawes and punishment, suche heresies and lollardies may the rather cease in tyme to come, by the aduise and assent of our sayd, and at the prayer of the sayd comens, hath ordeyned and stablyshed: that by the chaunceler, treasurer, Justices of the one bench and of the other, Justices of peace, sheriffes, mayors, and bayliffes of cities and townes, and all other officers, hauinge gouernance of people, whiche now be, or hereafter for the tyme shalbe that make an othe in takinge of their charges and occupations, to put their whole power & diligence, to put out and do to be put out, cease, & destroye al maner of heresies and errors, commonly called lollardies, within the places where they exercise their offices & occupations, from tyme to tyme with all their power, and that they assiste the ordinaries, and the commissaries, & them fauour & mainteine as often as they or any of them to that shalbe requited by the same ordinaries or the commissaries, so that when the sayd officers & ministers, trauallye or ride to arrest any lollard, or to make assistance at the instance & request of the ordinaries or the commissaries by vertue of this statute, that the same ordinaries & commissaries shal paye for their costes reasonable. And the kynges seruices, to the whiche the same officers be by the othe sworn, be

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preferred before all other statutes for the libertie of holy church, & the ministers of the same, and in especial for the correction & punishment of the heretikes and lollardes before this time made and not repelled being in their force. And also that all persons couicted of heresie, of what estate, condition, or degree that they be, by the said ordinaries or other commissaries left to the secular power, accordynge to the lawes of holy church, shall loose and forsayte al theyr landes and tenementes, which they haue in fee simple in the maner as foloweth, that is to saye, that the king haue all the landes & tenementes, whiche the sayde couictes haue in fee simple, & holden of him immediatly as forsayte, & that the other lordes, of whome the landes & tenementes of suche couictes be holden immediatly, after that the kyng is so sealed & answered of the yeare, the daye, and the waite, haue liuery out of the kynges handes of the landes & tenementes aforesaid of the so holden, as it hath bene used in the case of attaindre of felonye, except þ landes & tenementes, which be holden of the ordinaries or their commissaries, before whome anye suche persons impeched of heresie be couict, which landes & tenementes intirely shall remaine to the kyng as forsayte. And mozeouer þ all þ goodes & cattels of these persons so couicted, be forsayte to our souerayn lord the kyng, so that no person couict of heresie, & left to þ secular power after the lawes of holy church, shall forsaite his landes before þ he be dead. And yf any such person so couict, be enfeoffed be it by fyne, by dede, or without dede, in landes or tenementes, rentes or seruices, in fee or otherwyle, or hath any other possession or cattels by gift or graunt of any person or persons to anothers vse, the to þ vse of such couictes, þ the same landes nor tenementes, rentes nor seruices, nor such other possessions, nor cattels shall be forsayt to our soueraign lord the king in no wyle. And mozeouer þ the iustices of the kinges bench, & iustices of peace, & iustices of assise, haue ful power to enquire of all the, which hold any errors or heresies, as lollardes, & which be their maintainers, receyvers, fauourers, & susteiners, comen wyters of such bookes as wel of þ sermons, as of their scholes, couenticles, congregacions, and confederacies. And that this clause be put in commissions of þ Justices of þ peace. And yf any persons be endicted of any pointes aforesaid the said Justices shall haue power to award agaynst the a Capias, and the sheryffe shall be bound to arrest the person or persons so endicted as sone as he may them find by him or by his officers. And forasmuche as the cognisaunce of heresie, errors, & lollardies, belongeth to the iudges of holy church, and not to the secular iudges, such persons endicted shall be deliuered to the ordinaries of the places or to theyr commissaries, by indentures byt wyrt them to be made. within. x. dayes after theyr arrest, or soner yf it may be, thereof to be acquyte or couict by the lawes of holy church, in case that these persons be not endicted of an other thing, whereof the cognisaunce belongeth to the secular iudges and

and officers, in whiche case, after that, that they be acquyte or deli-
uered before the secular Judges of suche thynges to the secular Jud-
ges belongyng, they shalbe sent in sauegarde to the sayde ordina-
ryes, or to theyr commissaries, and to them deliuered by indentures, as
before to be acquyte or conuicted of suche lollardyes, errours, or here-
ties as is aforesayd, after the lawes of holpe church, and that within
the terme aforesayd.

Provided alwayes that the sayde endictementes be not taken in
evidence, but for information before the spiritual iudges agaynst
suche persons so endicted, but that the ordinarie commence theyr
processe agaynst suche persons endicted in the same maner, as though
no endictement were, hauyng no regarde to suche endictementes.

And yf anye be endicted of heresye, erreure, or lollardye, and taken
by the Sheriffe or other officer, he shalbe leue to maynpryse within
the sayde tenne dayes by good suertie, for whom the sayde Sheriffe
or other officers wyl aunswere, so that the sayde person or persons,
whiche were so endicted, be readye to be deliuered to the sayde ordi-
naries, or to theyr commissaries, before the ende of the sayde tenne
dayes, yf he maye by any meanes for spekes. And euerye ordinarie
shall haue sufficient commissaries or commissarie, dwelling in euery
countie in a place notable, so that yf anye suche person so endicted be ta-
ken, that the sayde commissaries, or commissarie maye be watned in
the notable place, where he dwelleth, by the Sheriffe, or some of his
officers, to come to the kynges iayle in the same countie, there to re-
ceave the same person so endicted by indentures as before. And that
in the enqueste in this case to be taken, the Sheriffes and other offi-
cers, to whome it belongeth, shall do to be empanelled good and suffi-
cient persons, not suspected nor procured, that is to say, that euer of
them whiche shalbe so empanelled in suche enqueste, haue within the
realme of England. C. s. of landes, tenementes, or of rente by yeare,
upon payne to loose to the kynges yle. s. li. and they which shalbe em-
panelled in such enquestes in Wales, euery of them shal haue to the va-
lue of. xl. s. by yeare. And yf anye suche person be arrested, be it by the
ordinarie, or by the kynges officers or ministers, & escape or brake the
pyson, before that he be acquyte before the ordinarie, the goodes and
cattels, whiche he hadde the daye of suche arreste, shalbe forfayt to
the kyng, and his landes and tenementes, which he hadde the same
daye, sealed also into the kynges handes, the kyng shall haue the pro-
fytes therof from the sayd day, vntill he be yelden to the pyson from
whiche he escaped. And that the foresayde Justices haue ful power to
enquyre of all suche escapes, breaking of pyson, and also of landes and
tenementes, goodes and cattels of suche persons so endicted.

Provided also, that yf anye suche person endicted do not returne to
the sayd pyson, and dyeth not conuicted, it shalbe lawfull to his heires

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to entre into the landes and tenementes of theyr auncestre, wythout anye other pursuete makynge to the kynge for this cause, and then all they whych haue liberties and fraunchises royall in Englande, as in the countie of Chester, the countie and libertie of Durham, and other lyke, and also all the Lordes, whych haue iurisdiction and fraunchises royall in Wales, where the kynges writtes do not runne, haue power to execute and put in due execution these articles, in all pointes by the or by theyr officers, in lyke maner as the Justices and other the kyn- ges officers before declared shuld do.

In arte that persons dwellyng in the countrey, shall not sell diuers wares in cities, or townes corporate by retayle.

The .vii. Chapter.



Here before this tyme the auncient cities, boroughes, Townes corporate, and markette townes within this realme of England, haue bene verpe populous, & chiefl- ly inhabited with marchauntes, artificers, and handycraftes men durynge which tyme, the chyldren in the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, & market townes, were clulpe brought vp, and instructed, and also the sayde cities, bo- roughes, and townes corporate, kept in good order and obeyssaunce, and the inhabytors of the same wel set on woрке, and kept from ydle- nes. By reason whereof, the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes cor- porate, dyd then prosper in riches, and great welth, and were as then not onely able to serue and furnyssh the kynge and Queenes maiesties, and other theyr noble progenitours, kynges of this realme, aswell with great numbers of good able persons, and well furnyshed meete for the warres, as also then charged, and yet chargeable, with greate fee farmes, quyndemes, taxes, and dyuers other paymentes to the kyng and Queenes maiesties, whiche at this present they be not able to pay and beare, but to theyr bitter vndoyng, beyng fewe in number to paye and beare the same, but also the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are lyke to come very shortly to bitter destruction, cupne, and decaye, by reason whereof the occupiers, lynnendrapers, wollen drapers, haberdashers, and Grocers, dwellynge in the coun- treyes out of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and mar- ket townes, do not onely occuppe the arte and mystrye of the sayd sci- ences, in the places where they dwell and inhabite, but also come vn- to the sayd cities, boroughes townes corporate and market townes and there sel theyr wares, and take away the relief of the inhabitaun- tes of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market tow- nes to the great decay, and bitter vndoyngs of the inhabitauntes of the

the same, yf speedy reformation therein, be not had in time convenient. For remedie whereof, and for the better amendement of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and to thend the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, maye be the better able to pay the sayd fee fermes, and also to beare the other ordynary charges within the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and to furnyssh the kynge and Queenes maiesties, with numbers of able persons, lyke as they heretofore haue done in times past, in times of warre.

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and Queene, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that any person or persons, whiche do now inhabite and dwell, or hereafter shall inhabite or dwell in the countrey any where, or county within this realme of Englande, out of anye of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, from, and after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel next commyng, shall not sell, or cause to be solde by retayle, any wollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe wares, Grocery wares, mercery wares, at, or within any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, or within the suburbs, or liberties of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, within this sayde realme of England (except it be in open fyres) upon payne to forsaite and lose for enery tyme so offending, the summe of. vii. s. viij. d. and the hole wares so solde, profered, and offered to be solde, contrarie to the forme, intente, and effecte of this present acte, as aboue is sayd, the one moytie of all whiche forsaitures, to be to the vse of our sayd soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and Queenes maiesties, and the other halfe to hym or them that shall seale and sewe for the same in any of the kynge and queenes courtes of recorde, by byll, playnt, action of debt, information, or other wise, wherein no esoyne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe had or allowed.

Provided alway, that this acte shall not in anye wyse extende, nor be hurtefull to any person or persons, that bringe any of the sayd wollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe, Grocery, mercery wares, or wares, to any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, to be solde, or cause to be solde by whole sale, in gosse, and not by retayle, but they and enery of them may lawfully sell the same, in as large and ample maner, forme, and condition by whole sale in gosse, as not by retayle, as they and enery of them, myghte haue done at any tyme or tymes befoze the making of this act. Any thinge here into the contrarie, notwithstandinge.

Provided alway, that this presente acte shall not extende to anye person or persons, that now dwel or inhabite in the country, or hereafter

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shall dwell or inhabite out of any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, but that they, and euerye of them, at any tyme hereafter, when they, or any of them shalbe free of anye the guyldes, or liberties of any the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, and dwell or inhabite within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, that they and euery of them so being free, shall and may sel or cause to be solde, any of the wares aforesayd, by retayle, in as ample and large maner, as they, and euery of them, might haue done, beyng free of the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayde, before the makynge of this Acte. Any clause or article in this acte to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to all persons, to sell or cause to be solde, by retayle or otherwysse, all maner of cloth, linnen, or wollen, of theyr owne makynge, in euery citie, borough, towne corporate, and market towne within this realme, as freely and tranchly as they myght haue done before the makynge of this Acte. Any thynge in the same conteyned to the contrarpe hereof notwithstanding.

Provided alwaye, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the liberties, and privilegis of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, or eyther of them. Any thinge in this Acte heretofore mentioned to the contrarpe, notwithstanding.

CAn Acte repealinge all Statutes, articles, and prouisions, made Agaynst the See Apostolike of Rome, synce the .xx. yeare of Kyng Henry the eyght, and also for the establisment of all spirituall, and ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes conueyed to the laytie.

The. viii. Chapter.



Here as synce the .xx. yeare of Kyng Henry the eyght of famous memoire, father vnto youre maiestie, oure moost naturall soueraygne, and gracious Ladye and Queene, muche false and erroneous doctryne, hath bene taught, preached, and wyrtten, partly by dyuers the naturall borne Subiectes of this realme, & partly beyng brought in hether from sondrye other foreyne countreys, hath bene sown and spred abroad within the same. By reason wherof as well the spiritualtie as the tempozaltie of your highnes realmes and dominions, haue swerued from the obedience of the See Apostolike, and Declined from the vnitie of Christs churche, and so haue
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contynued, but yf suche tyme as your maiestie beyng fyrst reysed by
by God, and set in the seat Royall ouer vs, and then by his diuine and
gratious prouidence knyt in marryage with the mooste noble & ver-
tuous Wyne, the kynge our soueraygne Lorde your husbnde, the
Popes holynes, and the Sea Apostolike, sent hither vnto your ma-
iesties (as vnto persons vndefiled, and by Gods goodnes preserved
from the common infection aforesayde) and to the whole realme, the
moost reuerend father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Boole, Legate
de latere, to call vs home agayne into the ryght waye, from whence we
haue al this longe while wandred, and strayed abroade. And we after
sondyr, longe, and greuous plagues, and calamities, seynge by the
goodnes of God our owne errours, haue acknowledged the same vn-
to the sayde moost reuerend father, and by hym haue bene, and are
the rather at the contemplation of your maiesties, receyued and em-
braced into the vnitie and bosome of Christes churche, and vpon oure
humble submission and promysse made for a declaration of our repen-
taunce to repeale and abrogate such actes and Statutes as had bene
made in parliament, synce the sayd, xx. yeare of the sayde kynge Hen-
ry the ryght, agaynst the supremacie of the Sea Apostolike, as in oure
submission exhibited to the sayde moost reuerend father in God, by
your maiesties appeareth. The tenor wherof ensueth.

We the Lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons assem-
bled in this present parliament, representynge the whole body of the
realme of Englande, and the dominions of the same, in the name of
oure selues perticulerlye and also of the sayd body vniuersally in this
our supplication, directed to your maiesties with moost humble suit,
that it may by your graces intercession and meane be exhibited to the
moost reuerend father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Boole, legate,
sent speciallye hyther from our mooste holpe father Pope Iulye the
thyrde, and the Sea Apostolike of Rome, to declare our selues very
soyre and repentaunte, of the scisme and disobedience, committed in
this realme and dominions aforesayd, agaynst the said Sea, Apostolike,
eyther by makynge, agreynge, or executynge any lawes, ordinaunces, or
commaundementes, agaynst the supremacie of the sayd Sea, or other
wyse doyng or speakynge, that myght impugne the same: offerynge
oure selues, and promysynge by this our supplication, that for a token &
knowledge of our sayd repentaunce, we be and shalbe alldayes ready,
vnder, and with chauncerytes of your maiesties, to the vttermooste of
our powers, to do that shall lye in vs, for the abrogation and repea-
lynge of the sayd lawes and ordinaunces in this present parliament,
alwell for our selues as for the whole bodye, whome we represente,
to here vpon we moost humblye desyre your maiesties, as personages
vndefiled in thoffence of this body towards the sayde Sea, whiche
newerthelesse God by hys prouidence, hath made subiecte to you, so to

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set forth this our moost humble suite, that we maye obtayne from the Sea Apostolyke, by the sayde moost reuerende father, aswell perticulerlye, as generally, absolution, release, and discharge, from all daunger of suche censures, and sentences, as by the lawes of the churche we be fallen into. And that we maye as chyldezen repentaunt, be receyued in the bosome and vnytye of Chyestes churche, so as this noble realme, with all the members therof, maye in this vnitie, and perfecte obedience to the Sea Apostolyke, and Popes, for the tyme beyng, serue God and your maiesties, to the furthervance and aduancemēt of his honour and glozy. We are at the intercession of your maiesties, by thauuthoritie of our holy father, Pope Iuly the thyrde, and of the Sea Apostolyke, assoyled, discharged, and deliuered, from excommunication, interdictions, and other censures Ecclesiasticall, which hath hanged ouer oure heades for oure sayde defaultes, synce the tyme of the sayd scisme, mentioned in our sayd supplication. The whiche tyme the sayde Lorde Legate, and we, do al declare, recognisse, and meane by this acte, to be onely synce the. xx. yeare of the reygne of your most noble father, Kyng Henry the yght. It maye nowe lyke your maiesties, that for the accomplisment of our promysse made in the sayde supplication, that is, to repeale all lawes and Statutes, made contrary to the sayde Supremacye, and Sea Apostolyke, durynge the sayde scisme, the whiche is to be vnderstand, synce the. xx. yeare of the reigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the yght, and so the sayde lorde Legate doth accepte and recognisse the same.

Where in the parliament begonne and holden at Westminster, in the. xxi. yeare of the reygne of the late Kyng of moost famous memorye, kyng Henry the eight, one acte was then and there made, agaynst pluralities of benefices, for takynge of farmes by spirituall men, and for none residence, in the whiche acte amongest other thinges it was ordeyned and enacted, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the fyrst daye of Apryl, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousande fyue hundred and thyrtye, contrary to the same acte, shoulde procure and obtayne at the courte of Rome, or elles where, any licence, or lycences, vnyon, tolleracion, or dispensacion, to receaue and take anye moze benefices, with cure, then was limited and appoynted by the same acte, or elles at any tyme after the sayde daye, shoulde put in execution anye suche licence, tolleracion, or dispensacion, before that tyme obtained, contrary to the sayd Acte, that theneuer ye suche person or persons, so after the sayd daye, supng for hym selfe, or receauynge, and takynge suche benefice by force of suche licence, or lycences, vnyon, tolleracion, or dispensacion, that is to saye: the same person or personnes onely, and no other, shoulde for everye suche default, incurre the daunger, payne, and penaltie of. xx. li. sterl. and shoulde also lose the hole profittes of everye suche benefice, or benefices, as he receaueth, or taketh

keeth by force of any suche licence, or licences, vñion, tolletation, or dispensation. And where also in the sayde Acte it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf anye person or persons dyd procure, or obtayne at the Court of Rome, or elles where, any maner of licence, or dispensation to be non residence at their dignities, prebende, or benefices, contrary to the sayde Acte, that then everye suche person or persons, puttynge in execution anye suche dispensation, or licence for hym selfe from the sayd fyrst daye of Apryll, in the sayde yeare of oure Lorde God, a thousande hundred, and thrytze, shoulde runne and incurre, in the penaltie, damage, and payne of. xx. li. ster. for every tyme so doyng, to be forsayd and recovered, as by the sayd Acte is declared. And yete suche licence, or dispensation so procured, or to be put in execution, to be voyde, and of none effecte, as by the same acte moze playnelye it doth, and maye appeare.

Be it enacted by thauthortie of this presente parliamente, that as muche onely of the sayd Acte as concerneth the articles, and clauses aforesayde, and al, and every the wordes and sentences, conteyned in the sayde Acte, concerning the sayde articles, and clauses, and everye of them, shall from henceforth be repealed, admulled, reuoked, adnichilated, and utterly made voyde for ever. Anye thinge in the sayde acte to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

And where also at the session of the same parliamente, holden upon prorogation, in the. xxiii. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the vyght, one Act, entituled: the act that no person shalbe cited out of the diocesse, where he or she dwelleth, excepte in certayne cases. And where also at the sayde parliament, in the session holden at Westminster upon prorogation, in the. xxiiii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kynge Henry the vyght, one acte was made, that appeales in suche cases as hath bene vñed to be pursued to the sea of Rome, shoulde not from thennsforth be had nor vñed, but within this realme. And where also at the sayd parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxi. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the vyght, and there continued by diuers prorogations, vntyll the. xiiii. daye of Apryll, in the. xxvii. yeare of his reygne, one acte was made concerning restraintes of paymentes of annates, and fyrste fruytes of Archebyschoppes, and Byschoppes to the Sea of Rome. And where at a Session of the sayde parliamente, holden in the. xxv. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge, there was also made one acte, entituled: the submission of the clergye to the kynges Maiestie, and one other acte entituled, one Acte restraynyng the sayde paymentes of annates, or fyrste fruytes to the byshop of Rome, and of the electinge and consecratynge of the Archebyschoppes and Byschoppes within this realme. And one other acte was then and there made, entituled: an acte concernynge the exoneration of the kynges subiectes, from exactions, and impositions befoze

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before that tyme payde to the Sea of Rome, and for hauinge licences and dispensations within this realme, without suynge further for the same.

Be it enacted by thauchozitie of this present parliamente, that the sayde seuerall actes made for the restraynt of the payment of the sayd annates, and fyfte fruytes, and all other the sayd Actes, made in the sayde. xxiii. and. xxv. yeares of the reygne of the sayde late kyng, and euery of them, and al, and euery braunch, article, matter, and sentece in them, and euery of them conteyned, shalbe by thauchozitie of this present parliament from henceforth vtterlye voyde, made frustrate, and repelled, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this presente parliament, that all, and euery these actes folowynge, That is to saye: one acte made at the session of the sayde parliament holden vpon prozogation at Westm. in the. xxvi. yeare of the reigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte concerning the kynges highnes to be supream heade of the church of England, and to haue aucthoritie to refovrme and redresse al errours, heresies, and abuses, in the same. And one other acte made in the same session of the same parliamente entituled: an acte for nomination, and consecration of Suffragans within this realme. And one other acte made in the. xxvii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte whereby the kyng shoulde haue power to nominate. xxii. persons of his Cletgye, and Laye fee, for makynge of Ecclesiasticall lawes. And also one other acte, made at the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxviii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte extinguisshynge thauchozitie of the Bpshopp of Rome. And one other acte made in the same parliamente, entituled: an acte for the releafe of suche, as then had opteyned, pretended licences, and dyspensations from the Sea of Rome. And also all that parte of the acte, made in the sayde. xxviii. yeare of the sayde kyng, entituled: an acte for the establisshmente of the Succession of the imperiall crowne of the realme, that concerneth a prohibition to marrye within the Degrees expessed in the sayde Acte. And also one other Acte, made at the parliamente holden at Westminster, in the. xxxi. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte aucthorisynge the kynges hyghnes to make Bpshoppes by his lettres parentes. And one other acte made in the session of the same parliament, begon in the sayd. xxxi. yeare, holden vpon prozogation, the. xxxii. yeare of the reygne of the sayde kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte concernynge precontractes of marriage, and touchinge Degrees of consanguinitie. And one other acte made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte for the

the ratification of the kynges maiesties style, shall henceforth be repealed, made frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte. And where also at the sayd parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yere of þe raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the yght, one other acte was made, entituled: an Acte concerning the establisment of the succession of the sayd king in the Imperial Crowne of this realme: In the which acte there is a fourme of a coppozall othe, deuysed and set forth, that euery subiecte of this realme, shoulde be bounde to take against the power, authoritie, and iurisdiction of the See of Rome. Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of the sayd Acte, as toucheth the sayd othe agaynst the supremacie, and all othes thereby on had, made, and gyuen, shalbe from henceforth vterly voyde, repealed and of none effect. And where also one other acte was made in the. xxxvii. yere of the raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the yght, entituled: an acte that Doctours of ciuill law, beyng married, myghte exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction. Be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte laste before mentioned, and all, and euery byaunche, article, sentence, and matter, conteyned in the same, shall from henceforth be repealed, and vterly made voyde, and of none effect.

And where one other acte was made at the first session of the Parliament, holden at Westminster, in the fyfte yere of the raigne of king Edward the fyfte, entituled: an acte for the repeale of certayne Statutes, concerning treasons, felonies, &c. In the whiche acte amongst other thinges there is contayned certayne prouisions, paynes, penalties, and forsaitures, for, and agaynst suche, as shoulde by open preachinges, expresse wordes, saynges, writing, pryncing, ouert dede, or acte affirme, or set forth, that the kyng of this realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supream heade in earth, of the churches of Englande and Irelande, ne of any of them, or that the Byshoppe of Rome, or any other person, or persons, other then the kyng of Englande for the tyme being, is, or ought to be supream heade of the same churches, or any of them, as in the same acte last before rehearsed, more at large is contained, and may appeare. Be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that these clauses before rehearsed, and other of the sayd acte, concerninge the supremacie, and all, and euery byaunche, article wordes, and sentence, in the same soundryge, or tending to the derogation of the supremacie of the Popes holines, or the See of Rome, and all paynes, penalties, & forsaitures, made agaynst them, that shoulde by any meanes set forth, or extolle the sayd supremacie, shalbe from henceforth vterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that all clauses, sentences, and articles of euery other Statute, or acte of Parliament, made sithens the sayd. xx. yere of the raygne of kyng Henry the yght,

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theyght agaynst the supream aucthoritie of the Popes holynes, or Sea Apostolike of Rome, or conteynyng any other matter of the same effecte onelye, that is repealed in any of the Statutes aforesayde, shall be also by aucthoritie hereof from henceforth utterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect.

And where we your most humble subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this presente Parliamente assembled, haue exhibited to your Maiesties one other supplication in forme followinge.

We the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled representing the whole bodye of this realme, reduced and recreated by your maiesties intercession to the vnitie of Christs Church, and the obedience of the Sea Apostolike of Rome, and the Popes holynes gouernynge the same, make most humble sute vnto your maiesties, to be likewise meanes and intercessions; that all occasions of contention, hatred, grudge, suspition, and trouble, both outwardlye and inwardly in mens consciences, whych myghte arise amongst vs, by reason of disobedience, may by aucthoritie of the Popes holynes, and by vniuersation of the same vnto vs, by the mooste reuerende father in God, p Lord Cardinal Boole, by dispensation, relaxation, or permission respectiue, as the case shall require, be abolished, and taken awaye, and by aucthoritie sufficiente these articles followinge, and generallye all others, when anye occasion shall so require, maye be provided for, and confirmed.

First that all Bysshoppes, cathedrall churches, hospitalles, colleges, schooles, and other suche foundations nowe continuing, made by aucthoritie of Parliament, or other waye establisshed, according to the ordre of the lawes of this realme, sithe this scilicet, maye be confirmed and continued for euer.

Item that marriages made *infra gradus prohibitos consanguinitatis, affinitatis, cognationis spirituales*, or whych myght be made voyde *propter impedimentum publici honestatis, iusticie*, or for anye other cause, prohibited by the canons onelye maye be confirmed, and chyldren borne of those marriages declared legitimate, so as those marriages were made, accordyng to the lawes of the realme for the tyme being, and be not directly agaynst the lawes of God, nor in suche case, as the Sea Apostolike hath not bled to dispence wythall.

That institution of benefices, and other promotions ecclesiasticall and dispensations, made accordyng to the forme of the acte of Parliament, maye be lykewise confirmed.

That all iudiciall processe, made before anye ordinarie of this realme, or before any Delegates vpon anye appeales, accordyng to the ordre of the lawes of the realme, maye be likewise ratified and confirmed.

And finally where certayne actes and statutes haue bene made in the

the tyme of the late scisme: concernynge the landes, and hereditamentes of Archebischopykes, and Bischopykes, the suppression, and dissolution of monasteries, Abbayes, priories, chauntries, colleges, and al other the goodes and cattels of religious houses. Synce the tyme, the ryght, and dominion of certayne landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, belongynge to the same, be dispersed a broade, and come to the handes, and possessions of diuerse and sondrye persons, who by gyfte, purchase, exchange, and other meanes, accordynge to the order of the lawes and statutes of this realme, for the tyme beyng, haue the same. For the auoydinge of all scruples that might growe by any the occasions aforesayd, or by any other wayes, or meanes, whatsoener: It maye please your maiesties, to be intercessours, and mediatours, to the sayde mooste reuerende father, Cardinall Pole, that all suche causes, and quarels as by pretence of the said scisme, or by any other occasion, or meane whatsoener, myghte be moued by the Popes holynes, or Sea Apostolyke, or by any other iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, maye be utterly removed, and taken awaye, so as all persons haupng sufficient conueynance of the sayde landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, as is aforesayde, by the common lawes, actes, or Statutes of this realme, maye without scruple of conscience, enioye them without impechement or trouble by pretence of any generall counsaile, Canons, or Ecclesiasticall lawes, & cleare from all daungers of the censures of the churche.

And conformable hereto, the Bishoppes and Cleargye of the prouynce of Cantorburie haue presented to your maiesties a supplication, in this tenour that followeth.

Nos Episcopi & Clerus Cantuariensis prouinciæ in hac Synodo more nostro solito, dum Regni parliamētū celebratur, congregati cum omni debita humilitate & reuerētia, expontimus Maiestatibus uestris, quod licet Ecclesiarum, quibus in Episcopos, Decanos, Archidiaconos, rectores, & uicarios præfati sumus, & animarū, quæ nobis & curæ nostræ subiectæ sunt, & earundem bonorum iurisdictionum, & iurium, ex sacrorum Canonum dispositione, defensores & curatores constituti sumus, & propterea ipsarum bona, iurisdictiones, & iura in pernicioso huius Regni præterito scismate deperdita & amissa, omni studio, & totis nostris uiribus, recuperare, & ad pristinum Ecclesiarum ius reuocare, iuris remedijs niti deberemus: Nichilominus tamen habito prius per nos super hac re maturo Consilio, & deliberatione ingenuè fatemur, nos optimè cognoscere, quā hęc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum difficilis, & quasi impossibilis esset recuperatio propter multiplices, ac pene inextricabiles super hys habitos contractus, & dispo-

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sitiones, & quod si ea tentaretur, quies & tranquillitas Regni facile perturbaretur, & unitas Ecclesie Catholice, quae iam pietate, & auctoritate Maiestatum uestrarum hoc in Regno introducta est, cum maxima difficultate suum debitum progressum, et finem sortiri posset. Ideo nos bonum & quietem publicam priuatis commoditatibus, & salutem tot animarum pretiosam Christi sanguine redemptarum terrenis bonis antepponentes, & non quae nostra, sed quae Iesu Christi sunt quarentes, Maiestates uestras amplexerogamus, eisq; humiliter supplicamus, ut reuerendissimo in Christo patri, domino Reginaldo Cardinali Polo, ad ipsas, & uniuersum hoc Angliae regnum sanctissimi domini nostri, Domini Iulij, Papae tertij, & Apostolicae sedis de latere legato, hac nomine nostro insinuare, & apud eum intercedere dignentur, ut in hiis bonis Ecclesiasticis in parte, uel in toto arbitrio suo iuxta facultates sibi ab eodem sanctissimo domino nostro Papa concessas, eorundem bonorum detentoribus elargiendis et relaxandis publicum bonum priuato, pacem & tranquillitatem dissidijs, & perturbationibus, atq; animarum salutem bonis terrenis praeferre, & antepondere uelit. Nos enim in omnibus quae ab ipsa legato statuta, & ordinata circa haec bona fuerint, exnunc, prout extunc, & e contra consensum nostrum praestamus, imo etiam ut in praemissis se difficilem aut restrictum reddere non uelit maiestates uestrae nostro nomine eum hortari, & rogare dignabuntur. Insuper maiestatibus uestris supplicamus, ut pro sua pietate efficere dignentur, ut ea quae ad iurisdictionem nostram, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam pertinent, sine quibus debitum nostri pastoralis officij & curae animarum nobis commissae exercere non possumus, nobis superiorum temporum iniuria ablata restituantur, & ea nobis, & Ecclesijs perpetuo illesa & salua permaneant, & ut omnes leges, quae hanc nostram iurisdictionem, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam tollunt, seu quouis modo impediunt, abrogentur ad honorem dei, & maiestatum uestrarum, & uniuersi huius Regni Spirituale, & temporale commodum, et salutem, certam spem etiam habentes, Maiestates uestras, pro sua singulari in ipsum deum pietate, pro multis et insignibus ab ipsius Dei bonitate acceptis beneficijs necessitatibus, et incommodis huius sui Regni Ecclesiarum maxime curam animarum habentium nunquam defuturas esse, sed prout opus fuerit, consulturas atq; promissuras.

Forasmuche as the sayde moost reuerende father, the Lorde Legate, at the intercession of your maiesties, hath by thaucoztie of the Sea Apostolpke, sufficiently dispensed in the matters specified in the sayd severall supplications, as in his sayde letters of dispensation is concepned moze at large. The tenoz wherof ensueth.

Reginaldus

Reginaldus miseratione diuina Sancte Marie in Cosmodin Sancte Romanæ Ecclesie, Diaconus Cardinalis Polus nuncupatus, ad Serenissimos Philippum & Mariam, Angliæ Reges, fidei defensores, & vniuersum Angliæ regnum, Sanctissimi Domini nostri Papæ, & sedis Apostolicæ de latere legatus, cisdem Serenissimis Philippo & Mariæ Regibus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum supremum consilium istius regni parlamentum nuncupatum Maiestatibus uestris, per suos supplices libellos exposuisset, quod perniciosissimo scismate, in hoc regno alias uigente, quod nunc dei misericordia, & maiestatum uestrarum pietate extinctum est, auctoritatem ipsius parliamenti, nonnulli Episcopatus diuisi, & ex his aliquæ inferiores Ecclesie, in cathedrales erectæ, & scholæ, atque hospitalia fundata, necnon plurimæ dispensationes & beneficiorum prouisiones factæ fuerunt, ac multe personæ quibus persuasum fuerat: Iuris Canonici dispositiones, hoc in Regno amplius locum non habere: inter se in gradibus consanguinitatis uel affinitatis de iure prohibitis, & alijs impedimentis Canonicis sibi obstantibus matrimonia, per uerba de presenti contraxerunt, et multi actus iudicarij, & processus, tum in primis, quam ulterioribus instantijs super rebus spiritualibus, & Ecclesiasticis coram iudicibus tam Ordinarijs quam delegatis, qui auctoritate laicali procedebant, habiti & seruati, ad super eis etiâ secretæ latæ, et promulgatæ fuerunt, et bona ecclesiastica per diuersas eiusdem regni personas occupata, et apprehensa fuerunt. Quæ quidem licet ex sacrorum Canonum institutis irrita declarari possent, tamen si ad alium statum, quam in quo nunc sunt, reuocarentur, publica pax, & quies uniuersi regni turbaretur, et maxima confusio oriretur, presertim fidei bonorum possessores molestarentur, et propterea maiestatibus uestris humiliter supplicauerint, ut apud nos intercedere dignentur, ut premissarum rerum firmitati, et stabilitati, & simul huius Regni quieti, et tranquillitati de benignitate Apostolica providere uelimus. Cumque Episcopi quoque deinde, ac reliquis prouincia Cantuariensis Clerus totum fere corpus Ecclesiasticum regni representans, ad quos hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum causa maximè pertinet, exposuerint, quod hæc bona ad ius ecclesiarum reuocare non possunt, quin pax uniuersalis, & quies huius regni turbetur, et causa fidei atque unitatis Ecclesie, iam toto omnium consensu hoc in regno introducta, in maximum periculum adducatur, et propterea ipsi quoque supplicauerint, ut apud nos intercedere uelint, ut in his bonis Ecclesiasticis possessoribus relaxandus restricti et difficiles esse noluimus, maiestates autem uestre, ad quas maxime spectat providere, ut regnum ipsarum potestati, regimini et curæ commissum in pace et tranquillitate con-

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seruetur: His supplicationibus et postulatis cognitis et mature consideratis, iudicauerint ea omnia, et maxime illa, quæ in bonorū ecclesiasticorū causa petuntur, pro causa fidei et pro pace publica, per nos debere sine ulla dilatione cōcedi, et quæ admodū rogatæ fuerunt, apud nos intercedere dignatæ fuerint, prout in supplicationibus per idem supremum consilium, et Episcopos ac clerum præfatum maiestates uestris porrectis, atque in libello intercessionis per easdem maiestates uestras nobis simul cum alijs supplicationibus exhibito, latius apparet. Idcirco nos qui ad maiestates uestras, et hoc nobilissimum uestrum regnum à Sanctissimo Domino nostro Iulio Papa tertio ipsius et sedis Apostolicæ de latere legati missi sumus, ut regnum istud, quod iamdū ab Ecclesiæ Catholicæ unitate separatum fuerat, Deo et Ecclesiæ Christi eiusq. in terris uicarij reconciliaremus: & ut ea omnia quæ ad pacē et tranquillitatem huius regni pertinerent, omni studio procuraremus, postquam dei benignitate, et maiestatum uestrarum pietate, per auctoritatem eiusdem Sanctissimi Domini nostri Papæ, cuius uices hic sustinemus, reconciliatio iam facta est, ut paci et tranquillitati regni præfati consulamus, atque ut unitas ecclesiæ, ex qua salus tot animarum præcioso Christi sanguine redemptarum dependet, hoc in regno iam introducitur, et corroboraretur, & salua permaneat, cum utriusq. rei stabilitatem in eo maxime consistere, si horum Ecclesiasticorum honorum possessoribus molestia nulla inferatur quo nimis ea teneant, tot et tam graui testimonia nobis fidem faciant, et maiestatum uestrarum intercessio, quæ pro unitate Ecclesiæ, et sedis Apostolicæ auctoritate hoc in regno instauranda tam studiose, et tam pie elaborarunt, eam quam par est auctoritatem apud nos habeat, et ut uniuersum hoc regnum sedis Apostolicæ maternam uerè indulgentiā, et charitatem erga se agnoscat, et re ipsa experiatur: quoscunq. ad quos infra scripta pertinet, à quibusuis excommunicationis, suspensionis, et interdicti, alijsq. ecclesiasticis sententijs, censuris, et penis à iure, uel ab homine quauis occasione uel causa latis, si quibus quomodolibet innodati existunt, ad effectum præsentium dumtaxat consequendum harum serie absoluentes, et absolutos fore censentes, auctoritate Apostolica, per litteras Sanctissimi domini nostri, domini Iulij Papæ tertij nobis concessa, et qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore præsentium dispensamus: quòd omnes et singula Cathedralium Ecclesiarum erectiones, hospitalium, et scholarū foundationes tempore præteriti scismatis, licet de facto et nulliter attētatæ in eo statu, in quo nunc sunt, perpetuo firmæ et stabiles permaneant, illisq. quæ Apostolicæ firmitatis robur adijcimus, ita ut non ea auctoritate, quæ prius, sed ea, quam nunc eis tribuimus, facta ab omnibus censeantur, et cum

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omnibus & singulis personis regni predicti, quæ in aliquo consanguinitatis uel affinitatis gradu etiam multiplici, uel cognationis spiritualie, seu publicæ honestatis iusticiæ impedimento de iure positiuo introductis, & in quibus sanctissimus dominus noster Papa dispensare consuevit, matrimonia scientur uel ignorantur de facto contraxerint, ut aliquæ impedimentorum premissorum, non obstante in eorum matrimonijs, sic contractis libere, & licite remanere, seu illa de nouo contrahere possint, misericorditer in domino dispensamus, prolem susceptam, suscipiendam legitimam, decernentes, ita tamen ut qui scienter et malitiose contraxerint, a sententia excommunicationis, et ab incestus seu sacrilegij reatu, absolutione a suo ordinario, uel curato, quibus id faciendi facultatem concedimus, obtineant, ac omnes Ecclesiasticas seculares, seu quorumuis ordinum regulares personas quæ aliquas impetrationes, dispensationes, concessiones, gratias, et indulta, tam Ordines quàm beneficia Ecclesiastica, seu alias spirituales materias prætenso auctoritate suprematatis Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ licet nulliter, & de facto obtinuerint, & ad cor reuersæ Ecclesiæ unitati restitutæ fuerint, in suis Ordinibus, & beneficijs per nos ipsos, seu a nobis ad id deputatos, misericorditer recipiemus, prout iam multæ receptæ fuerunt, secumq; super his opportunè in Domino dispensauimus. Ac omnes processus in quibusuis instantijs coram quibusuis iudicibus, tam ordinarijs quàm delegatis, etiam laicis super materijs spiritualibus habitos & formatos, & sententijs super eis latas, licet nulliter et de facto, quoad nullitatem ex defectu iurisdictionis præfato tantum insurgentem sanamus, illosq; & illas auctoritate Apostolica confirmamus. Ac quibusuis huius regni personis, ad quarum manus bona Ecclesiastica ex quocumq; contractu seu titulo oneroso uel lucratiuo iam deuenierint, illaque tēnerint, seu etiam teneant, omnes & quoscumq; fructus ex eis suis bonis, licet indebitè perceptos, in totum remittimus & relaxamus. Volentes ac decernentes, quod dictorum bonorum Ecclesiasticorum tam mobiliū quàm immobiliū possessores præfati non possint in præsentī, nec in posterum, seu per consiliorum generalium, uel prouincialium dispositiones, seu decretales Romanorū pontificum Epistolas, seu aliam quamcunq; censurā ecclesiasticā in dictis bonis, seu eorundē possessione molestari, inquietari, uel perturbari, nec eis aliqua cēsura uel pænæ ecclesiasticæ propter huiusmodi detentionem, seu non restitutionē irrogari uel infligi, & sic per quoscunque iudices, & auditores sublata eis, quæ suis aliter iudicandi & interpretandi facultate, et auctoritate iudicari & diffiniri debere, & quicquid secus attemptari contigerit, irritum & inane fore decernimus, non obstantibus præmissis defectibus, & quibusuis

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Apostolicis, ac in prouincialibus, et sinodalibus concilijs editis, specialibus uel generalibus constitutionibus, & ordinationibus, ceterisque contrarijs quibuscunque. Admonemus tamen cum diuisio Episcopatum, & erectio Cathedralium Ecclesiarum sint de maioribus causis, quæ summo pontifici sunt reseruata, recurrendum esse ad suam Sanctitatē, & ab ea suppliciter postulandum, ut hæc confirmare, seu de nouo facere dignetur. Et licet omnes res mobiles Ecclesiarum indistincte ijs, qui eos tenent relaxauerimus, eos tamen admonitos esse uolumus, ut ante oculos habentes diuini iudicij seueritatem contra Balthasarem Regem Babilonis, qui uasa sacra non à se, sed à patre è templo ablata in prophanos usus conuertit ea proprijs Ecclesijs si extant, uel alijs restituant. Hortantes etiam, & per uiscera misericordiae Iesu Christi obtestantes eos omnes, quos hæc res tangit, ut salutis suæ non omnino immemores, hoc saltem efficiant, ut ex bonis Ecclesiasticis, maxime ijs, quæ ratione personatum & uicariatuum populi ministrorum sustentationi fuerint specialiter destinata, seu alijs Cathedralibus, & alijs quæ nunc extant, inferioribus Ecclesijs curam animarum exercentibus ita prouideatur, ut earum pastores, personæ & uicarij commodè, & honeste iuxta eorum qualitatem, & statum sustentari possint, & curam animarum laudabiliter exercere, & onera incumbētia congruè supportare. Datum Lambeth prope Londinum Vintonien. Diocess. Anno Natiuitatis domini Millesimo, quingentesimo, quinquagesimo quarto. Nono Cal. Ianuarij Pontif. Sanctissimi in Christo patris, & Domini nostri, Domini Iulij, diuina prouidentia Papæ tertij, Anno quinto.

Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus Legatus.

We the sayd lordes spirituall and temporall, and commones in thys present parliament assembled, rendyng most humble thanks to your maiesties, by whose intercession and meanes we haue obteyned the sayd dispensations of the popes holynes by the sayd moste reuerende father in God, hys legate, most humbly besecheth the same, that it may be ordeined as foloweth.

And therfore be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that al, & singuler articles & clauses contained in the said dispensation, as well touchyng the establisment of Byshoppykes, and cathedrall churches, as also the confirmation of marriages in degrees prohibited by the canons of the church, the legitimatation of chyldren, and the ratification of procelle, and of sentences in matters ecclesiasticall, touchyng the inualiditie of them for wante of iurisdiction, and the institutions and destitutions, of, and in benefices and promotions ecclesiasticall, dispensations, and graces, gyuen by suche order, as the publike lawes of the realme then approued, and all other thynges before conteyned

conteyned in the sayd letters of dispensation: shal remayne and be reputed and taken, to al intentes and constructions in the lawes of this realme, lawfull, good, and effectuell to be alledged and pleaded in all courtes ecclesiasticall and tempoꝛall, for good and sufficiente matter, eyther for the playntife or defendaunt, without any allegation, or objection, to be made agaynst the validitie of them, by pretence of any generall counsaile, canon, or decree, to the contrary made, or to be made in that behalfe.

And where as diuerse and sondꝛe late Monasteries, Priories, Commaundries, Nonneries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colleges, Hospitales, Houses of Friars, Chauntries, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and the mannours, graunges, mesuages, landes, tenementes, rectories, tithes, pensions, portions, vicarages, churches, chappells, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes reuercions, seruices, and other possessions, and hereditamentes to the sayd late monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, chauntries, prebendes, houses of friars, colleges, hospitales, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and to sondꝛe Archebyschoppes and Byschoppes wythin thys realme, late apperteyning and belongyng, came as well to the handes & possession of the sayd kynge of famous memoꝛye Henry the yght, father vnto your maiestie, our sayde soueraygne Lady by dissolution, gyfte, graunt, surrendre, attayndre, or otherwise, as also to the handes and possession of diuerse and sondꝛe other persons, and bodyes polityke and corporate, by sondꝛe meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, accordyng to the orde of the lawes and statutes of this realme.

And where also diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes percell of the possessions of Archebyschoppes and Byschoppes, and many and sondꝛe late deaneries, colleges, chauntries, rectories, prebendes, free chappells, guydes, and fraternities, manours, houses, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, and other ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels to the sayd Archebyschoppes, Byschoppes, deaneries, colleges, chauntries, free chappells, rectories, guydes, and fraternities, late appertaynyng and belongyng, or appoynting, to and for the fyndyng of priestes obyttes, lyghres, or other lyke purpose came as well to the handes & possession of the late noble kynge Edward the sixt brother vnto your maiestie soueraygne Lady, by vertue of an acte of parliament thereof made, or otherwise, as also to the handes and possession of diuerse and sondꝛe other persons, and bodyes polityke and corporate by sondꝛe meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, accordyng to the orde of the lawes of this realme: a great nombꝛe of which sayd late monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, colleges, hospitales, prebendes, chauntries, free chappelles, guydes,

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and, fraternities, and the manhours, granges, meluages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruyces, tythes, pensions, portions, vicarages, churches, chappelles, aduoulsong, nominations, patronages, annuities, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, to the sayd monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, colleges, hospitallies, chauntries, scet chappelles, guildes fraternities, and other ecclesiasticall houses, Archebyschoppes, and Byschoppes, belonging as well for great sommes of moneye, as for other good, and reasonable causes and considerations, haue bene conueyed and assured, to diuerse the subiectes, and bodys polytyke of this realme, aswel by the sayd kyng Henry the yght, the sayd kyng Edward the fyrte, and by your hyghnes our soueraygne Ladye, and ioyntely by both your maiesties, as also by diuerse the owners of the sayd ecclesiasticall possessions, whych sayd conueyaunces and assuraunces by their sondre letters patentes, and other wytynges moze playnely do and may appeare. Forasmuche as the sayd most reuerende father hath also by the sayd dispensations, remoued and taken away al matter of empachement, trouble, and daunger, whyche by occasion of any generall counsaile, canon, or decree ecclesiasticall myghte touche and disquiete the possessions of such goodes moueable, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, as were of late belongyng to anye of the sayde Archebyschoppes, Byschoppes, monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, colleges, chauntries, prebendes, rectories, hospitallies, houses of fryars, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses, and places, of what nature, name, kind, or qualitie soeuer they be of. Yet for that the title of all landes, possessions, and hereditamentes in this your maiesties realme and dominions is grounded in the lawes, statutes, and customes of the same, and by your highe iurisdiction, auctoritie royall, and crowne imperiall, and in your courtes onlye to be impleaded, ordered, tryed, and iudged, and none otherwyse and vnderstandyng, that the whole, full, and moste gracious intente, mynde and determination of your most excellent maiesties be, that all, and euery person and persons, bodys polytyke and corporate, theyr heyres, successours, and assignes, and euery of them, shal haue, kepe, retayne, and enioye all, and euery their estates, ryghtes, possessions, and interestes, that they and euery of them nowe haue, or hereafter shall haue, of, and in al and euery the manhours, granges, meluages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pensions, portions, aduoulsong, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuercions, seruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, franchises, and other the possessions and hereditamentes of the sayd monasteries, abbeyes, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, colleges, prebendes, hospitallies, houses of fryars, chauntries, rectories, vicarages, churches, chappelles, Archebyschoppes, and Byschoppes, and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses

houses and places, or of anye of them w^{ithin} this realme, or the Domi-
nions of the same by suche lawes and statutes, as were in force befo^{re}
the fyfthe daye of this present Parliamente, and by other lawfull con-
ueyance to them thereof made.

That it may be therfore enacted by the auctorite of this presente
parliament, that aswell your maiestie soueraygne Lady, your heires
and successours, as also all, and euery other person and persons, body-
es polyp^tike and corporate, they^r heires, successours, and assignes, now
haui^{ng}, or that hereafter shall haue, holde, or enioy any of the scytes
of the sayd late monasteries, and other the religious or ecclesiasticall
houses or places, and all the sayd mannours, graunges, messuages, lan-
des, tenementes, tythes, pensions, portions, glebelandes, aduousons,
nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, hū-
drades, wapentakes, liberties, franchises, p^{ro}p^{er}ties, comodities, and
other the possessions and hereditamentes of the said late monasteries,
abbeyes, p^{ro}p^{er}ties, nonneries, commaund^{er}ies, deaneries, colleges,
p^{re}bendes, hospitals, houses of friars, rectories, vicarages, chauntries,
churches, chappels, archeb^{is}hop^{er}ies, b^{is}hop^{er}ies, or other religious
or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of anye of the, of what name, nature,
or kynde soeuer they be, shall haue, holde, possede, retayne, kepe, and en-
ioy all, and euery the sayd scytes, mannours, graunges, messuages,
landes, tenementes, possessions, p^{ro}p^{er}ties, comodities, and other he-
reditamentes, accordyng to suche interestes and estates, as they, and
euery of them now haue, or holde, or hereafter shall haue, or holde,
of, and in the same by the bette order and course of the lawes and sta-
tutes of this realme, whiche now be, or were standyng in force be-
fo^{re} the fyfthe daye of this present Parliamente, in maner and fourme,
as they should haue done, if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.
This acte or anye thyng herein contayned to the contrarie in anye
wyle notwithstanding.

Haui^{ng} to you our sayd soueraygne Lady, your heires and suc-
cessours, and euery of them, and to all, and euery other person and per-
sons subiectes of this realme, and bodies polyp^tike and corporate, and
to they^r heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of
all, and euery of them, other then such, whose ryght, tyt^{le}, or interest
is bounden, or taken awaye, vndone, or extincte by any acte of Parlia-
ment heretofore made, or otherwyle all suche ryght, tyt^{le}, clayme, pos-
session, interestes, rentes, annuities, comodities, commons, offces,
lees, leases, p^{ro}p^{er}ties, p^{ro}p^{er}ties, pensions, portions, dettes, dueties, or
other p^{ro}p^{er}ties, whiche they, or any of them lawfully haue, or of ryght
ought to haue, or myght to haue, had, in, of, or to any of the p^{re}mises,
or in, of, or to any parte, or percell thereof, in suche lyke maner, fourme,
and condition, to all intentes, respectes, constructions, and purposes,
as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

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And that it maye be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euerye article, clause, sentence, and prouiso, conteyned, or specified in any acte, or actes of Parliament, concernyng, or touchyng the assuraunce, or conueyaunce of any the sayd monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, prebendes, colleges, chauntries, hospitalles, houses of friars, rectories, vicarages, churches, chappelles, Archebysshoppykes, and Bysshoppykes, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, or any of them, or in any wyse concernyng any mannour, landes, tenementes, profyttes, commodities, hereditamentes, or other the thynges before specified to the sayd kyng Henry the eyght, or kyng Edward the fyrste, or eyther of them, or any other person or persons, or bodye polytyke or corporate, and euerye of them, and all, and euerye wytyng, dede, and instrument, concernyng the assuraunce of any of the same, shall stande, remaine, and be in as good force, effect, and strengthe, and shalbe pleaded, and taken aduantage of, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same shoulde myght, or coude haue bene by the lawes and statutes of thys realme in case thys present acte had neuer bene had ne made.

And that all feoffamentes, fynes, surrenders, forsaitures, assurances, conueyaunces, estates, and interestes, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made to our sayd late soueraygne Lord kyng Henry the eyght, or to our sayd late soueraygne Lord kyng Edward the fyrste, or eyther of them, or to any other person or persons, bodyes polytyke or corporate, or to any of them by dede or dedes, acte or actes of Parliament, or otherwise of any the saydes, mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, profyttes, commodities, or hereditamentes of any the sayd Archebysshoppykes, Bysshoppykes, late monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, houses of friars, colleges, chauntries, hospitalles, prebendes, free chappels, or of anye mannours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, seruices, tythes, pensions, portions, annuities, or of any other hereditamentes, of, by, or from any ecclesiasticall or spiritual person or persons, or by, or from any spiritual or ecclesiastical corporation, or bodye politike shalbe as good & auaylable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as they were by the lawes & statutes of thys realme standing in force before the first day of thys present parliament: And that the same maye, and shalbe pleaded, alleged, and taken aduantage of, in suche force, and to suche effect, as they shoulde, could, or myghte haue bene by the lawes and statutes of thys realme, standyng in force before the sayd fyrst daye of this present parliament: And that all, and euerye clause, and article, of sauynge conteyned in all, and euerye the sayd actes and statutes, shall stande, remaine, and be in suche force, strengthe, and effecte, as they were before the sayd fyrste daye of thys present parliament. Any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandyng.

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And that it may be in lyke maner enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that whosoever shal by any processe, obteyned out of any ecclesiastical courte within this realme, or without, or by pretence of any spiritual jurisdiction, or otherwise, contrary to the lawes of this realme, inquisit etc or molest any person or persons, or bodye polypthe, for anye of the sayde mannours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or thynges aboute specified, contrarie to the wordes, sentences, and meanynge of this acte, shall incurre the daunger of the acte of premysse, made in the .xvi. yere of kyng Richard the seconde, and shall suffer & incurre the forsaytures and paynes, conteyned in the same.

Wherby alwaies, that it shall and maye be lesfull to anye person or persons, bodye politike and corporate, to sue in any competent, Ecclesiastical, or spiritual court within this realme, for cythes, ryghtes, and dueties, that they or any of them shall pretende to haue, of, or oute of any the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premysse, and to haue full and perfitt remedy for the same, in suche maner and fourme, as they or any of them, myght, or ought to haue done, or had by the lawes and Statutes of this realme, befoze the making of this Acte, and as though this acte had neuer bene had or made.

And that it may be further provided and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that albeit the title or stile of supremacy, or supreme head of the churche of Englande and of Irelande, or eyther of them, neuer was, ne coude be iustlye, or lawfullye attributed or knowledged to anye kyng, or Soueraigne gouernoure of this realme, nor in anye wyse coude, or myght, ryghtfully, iustlye, or lawfullye, by anye kyng or Soueraigne gouernoure of this realme, be claymed, chalenged, or vled. Yet forasmuche as the sayde tytle and stile, sithe the thyrty daye of Nouember, in the .xvi. yere of the reygne of the sayd kyng Henry the eighth, hath ben vled, and is mentioned and conteyned in diuers and sondry wyttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, courte rolles, Charters, dedes, instrumentes, evidences, bookes, and wytynges: It shalbe lawfull, alwell to, and for your maiesties, and your souereygne ladies heires and successours, as to, and for euery other person, and persons, and bodies polypthe and corporate, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to haue, retayne, and kepe the sayde wyttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, courte rolles, Charters, dedes, instrumentes, evidences, bookes, and wytynges, and them to shewe, exhibite, vse, alledge, and pleade, in all tymes and places requisite or nedefull, without any daunger, penaltye, losse, forfeyture, trouble, vexation, or impeachment for the same, anye thyng in this acte, or in any other acte or actes, to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

And whete your hyghnes Soueraigne Lady, synce your coming to the crowne of this realme, of a good and Chyillen conscience, omitted

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ted to wryte the sayde Style of Supremacie, specified in one Acte made in the parliament holden at Westminster by prorogation, in the xxv. yere of the reygne of your late father kynge Henry the yghte, aswell in gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, as in commissions, and other wrytinges, and also other haue in theyr wrytinges done the same, aswell in your tyme as before. And forasmuche as notwithstanding any lawe made concernyng the sayde Style of Supremacie, it was in the free choise, libertie, and pleasure of the kynge of this realme, and of your hyghnes, whether ye woulde expresse the same in the sayde Style or not.

Be it therfore declared and enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that all grauntes, letters patentes, commissions, indutementes, recordes, and wrytinges, made in your our Soveraigne Ladyes name, or in the names of your Soveraigne Lorde and Lady, or any other, wherein the sayd Style of Supremacie is omitted, is, and shalbe, to all intentes and purposes, as good and effectuell, as yf the same had ben therein expessed, and may be deteyned, kept, pleaded, and alleaged, without any daunger, paine penaltie, or forfeiture, to ensue to any person or persons, or bodie politike, for, or concerning the omission of the same Style, or any parte therof, in any suche wrytynges; and that no person or persons, shalbe impeached, molested, or dampnyed, for, or by reason of any suche omission.

And where in an acte of parliament made synce the sayd. xx. yere of kynge Henry the yghte, all Bulles, dispensations, and wrytynges whiche were before that tyme obtayned from the See of Rome, shuld be voyde, abolished, and extinguisht, with a clause, neuerthelesse that the matter of them, by vertue of letters patentes from the kinge then beyng, shuld, and myght be alleaged, pleaded, and allowed, as yf the same had not bene so abolished or extinguisht. Forasmuche as the sayde Acte is here before amongst other repealed and made voyde:

Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliamente, that all Bulles, dispensations, and priuileges, obteyned before the sayd. xx. yere, or at any tyme sythence, or whiche shall hereafter be obteyned of the See of Rome, not conteyninge matter contrarie, or prejudiciall to the auctoritie, dignitie, or prehemynence Royall, or imperiall of the realme, or to the lawes of this realme, nowe beyng in force, and not in this parliamente repealed, maye be put in execution, vled, and alleaged in anye courte within this realme, or elles where, whether the same remayne yet hole, or can appeare to haue ben cancelled, in as bayleable and effectuell maner, to all intentes, and purposes, as yf the sayde Acte had neuer bene had or made. Anye obiection by pretence of extinguyshment, or cancellynge of the sayde Bulles, dispensations, or priuileges, or of any other matter or cause, by the pretence of the lawes of this realme, whatsoeuer in anye wyse notwithstanding.

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And where as by dissolution of monasteries, and other religious houses, certayne pary the churches and chappels whiche were before exempte, from the iurisdiction of the Archebyschop, and Byschop of the Diocese, and by speciall exemption and pryviledge from Rome, were vnder the gouernement and ordre of the Abbottes, and Wyours of those religious houses, whiche sayde churches, by colour of the sayde exemptions, be nowe of speciall graunt from Kyng Henry, and Kyng Edward, vnder the rule and gouernement, and iurisdiction of temporall and laye men, who can no moze enioye, that supremacie, ouer those particuler churches, then the kyng might ouer the hole realme.

Be it therefore enacted, that all Archebyschoppes, and Byschoppes in their diocesses, and all other spirittuall persone and persones, hauinge iurisdiction, and their ministers and officers, and no laye persone, or persones in every Church and place, within the precinct of the same, beinge exempte, or not exempte, may freely, and without impedimēt, execute their spirittuall iurisdiction in all popules & articles, as though no suche exemption or graunt had neuer bene made.

Provided alwaie, and be it enacted, that this acte extende not to take awaye, or diminish the pryviledges of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, ne the pryviledges, or priuogatives graunted heretofore to the churches of Westminster, and Wyndesore, ne the Court of London, ne prejudiciall to suche temporall Lordes and possessorers in this realme, as by ancient custome haue enioyed probate of Testaments, of their tenantes or other.

And forasmuche, as after this reconciliation, and battie of this noble realme, to the body of Christes church, it is to be trusted, that by the abundaunce of Goddes mercy and grace, deuotion shall increase and growe in the hartes of many Subiects of this realme, with desire to gyue and bestowe their worldly possessions, for the relievinge of almes, prayer, and example of good lyfe in this realme, to thintent suche godly motions and purposes should be aduanced.

Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite of this present parliament, that it shalbe lawfull to suche as shalbe lessee of any manours, landes, tenementes, personages, tythes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes whosoever, in fee simple, in possession, reuerſion, or remainder, in their owne rightes, not beinge copy holdes, maye therof make feoffmentes, grauntes, or any other assurances, or by his laste will and Testament, in writinge, may be queared and geue in fee simple, all and euery the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, personages, tythes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes, to any spirittuall bodye politike, or corporate in this realme or dominions of the same, nowe erected or founded, or hereafter to be erected or founded, withoute anye licence of moztmayne therein to be oyleined, or anye wyttie of

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ad quod dampnum to bee sued out for thesame, the actes de terris ad manum mortuam non ponendis, or any other acte or statut, heretofore had or made in anywise notwithstanding.

Saaying to the Lordes of the fee, all rentes, seruices, debtes, or goyng out of any of thesaid lande, or tenementes, or hereditamentes, so to be amortized, as is aforesaid.

Provided alwaie, that this clause of this act, for geuyng the libertie of, or for the amortizing of landes or tenementes, shall continue for, and duryng the space of .xx. yeares nexte, and immediatly following, and no longer.

And forasmuche, as we your maiesties humble and obedient subjectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present Parliamente assembled, neither by the making, or deliuering of either the supplications aforesaid, nor by any clause, article, or sentence therof, or of any other clause, article, or sentence, of this, or any other Statute, or any of the preambles of thesame, made, or agreed vpon in this session of this present parliament, by any manner of interpretation, construction, implication, or otherwise intende to derogate empaire, or diminishe any of the prerogatiues, liberties, franchises, preheminences, or iurisdiccions of your Crowne Imperiall of this realme, and other the dominions to thesame belongyng: we do me humblely beseeche your maiesties, that it maie bee declared, and ordeined, and be it enacted and declared, by authoritie of this present parliament, that neither the making, exhibiting, or insertynge, in this presente statute, or in the preambles of thesame, of the supplications or promes aforesaid, or either of them, nor any other thyng or thynges, wordes, sentences, clauses, or articles in the preambles, or body of the actes aforesaid, shalbe construed, vnderstanded, or expounded, to derogate, diminishe, or take awaye any the liberties, priuileges, prerogatiues, preheminences, authorities, or iurisdiccions, or any part or parcel therof, whiche wer in your imperiall crowne of this realme, or did belong to your said Imperiall crowne, the thientie yere of the reigne of yours the Quenes maiesties moste noble father, or any other your moste noble progenitors, before thesaid thientie yere. And the Popes holinesse, and Sea Apostolicke, to be restored, and to haue and enioye such authoritie, preheminence, and iurisdiction, as his holinesse vled, and exercised, or might lawfully haue vled and exercised by authoritie of his supremacie, the said thientie yere of the reigne of the King your father, within this your realme of Englande, and other your Dominions, without diminution, or enlargement of the same, and none other. And the Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction of the Archbishops, Bishops, and Ordinaries, to be in thesame state, for procees of suites, punishment of crimes, and execution of censures of the Church, with knowledge of causes belongyng to the same, and

as large in these poyntes, as the sayde iurisdiction was the sayde. xx. years.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauthoritie afoze sayde, that in, and vpon euery suche gyses and deuyses, to be made to suche spirituall corporacions, or persons, as is aforesaid, the donour, seofer, or deuise of therof may reserue to hym, and to his heires for euer, a tenure in franke almayne, or a tenure by demine seruice: And to haue all remedies and actions, for, and vpon the sayde gyses, or deuyses, and tenures, in lyke maner & forme, as was vsed before the estatute of Westminster thyrde (commonly called) *Quia emptores terrarum*. The sayde estatute, or any other lawe or custome now beynge, to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that all, and euery persone & persones, and bodys polypke and corporate, whiche nowe haue, or hereafter shall haue any estate of inheritauce, freholde, terme, or interest, of, in, or to any portion, pention, tithes, glebelandes, or other ecclesiasticall or spirituall profyte, whiche by this acte, and the letters of dispensation rehearsed in the same, be permytted & suffred to remayne and continue in laye mens possessions, shall & may haue like remedie for the recovery of the same, and euery parte thereof, as they, and euery of them myght haue had before the first daye of this present Parliament. Any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An Acte for the punishment of trajectors wordes against the Queenes maiestie.

The. ix. Chapiter.



As muche as now of late diuers naughty sedicious malicious, & hereticall persons, notwithstanding the feare of god before their eyes, but in a verryllie sorte, contrary to the duetie of their allegiance, haue congregated the selves together in couentes, in diuers & sondry prophane places within this citie of London, assembling the selves to be in the true fayth, where in dede they are in errours & heresies, & out of the true trade of Christes catholique religion, and in the same places at severall times, vsing their phantasticall and kilmatticall seruices, lately taken awaie, and abolished by aucthoritie of Parliament, haue of their moste malicious & rankred stomakes, prayed against the Queenes maiestie, that God would turne her harte from Idolatry to the true faythe, or elles to shorten her dayes, or take her quickly out of the waye: whiche prayer was neuer hearde nor redde to haue bene vsed by anye good Christian manne, agaynst anye

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Prince though he were apagan, and infidele, and muche lesse against any christian Prince, and especially so vertuous a Prince as our veraggne Lady that nothe is, is knowne to be, whose faith is, and alwayes hath bene most true and catholique, and consonante and agreeing with Christes catholique church, throughout the worlde dispersed.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by thaucoztie of this present parliament, that every suche person and persons, which sence the begynnyng of this present parliament, haue by expresse wordes and sayinges, prayed, required, or despyed, as is afore sayde, or hereafter shall pray, by expresse wordes or sayinges, that God shoulde shorten her dayes, or take her out of the way (whose lyfe almighty God long preserve) or any suche lyke malicious prayer, amountyng to the same effect, their procurers and abettours therein, shalbe taken, reputed, and iudged traytours, and every suche prayeng, requirynge, or despyng shalbe iudged, taken, and reputed hygh treason, and the offenders therein, their procurours and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, shall haue, suffer, and forsayte, as in cases of hygh treason.

It is provided alway, and be it enacted, that yf any person or persons shall be indicted for any the offences afore said, done and perpetrated during this session of this present parliament, and upon his or their arraignment, shal shew hym or them selues penitent for their offence, and submitte hym or them selues, to the kyng and Quenes mercy, and humbly desyre the same, before suche Justices or commissioners, before whom he or they shalbe arraigned, that then no iudgement of conuiction or attayndour of treason, shalbe gyuen against any such person or persons, so being penitent, and submitting them selues, as is afore sayd. And in every suche case, the iustices or commissioners, before whom suche person or persons shalbe arraigned, shall haue auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to prescribe, adiudge, and appoynte, suche corporall punishment, other then death, to such offender and offenders, as to them by their discretion shall seme conuenient, and upon that penaunce prescribed and done, to be discharged of the said treason, comprised in that inditement.

An acte wherby certayne offences be made treasons, and also for the gouernement of the kynges and quenes Ma-
iesties issue.

The .x. Chapter.
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As muche as the great mercye and clemencie heretofore declared by the Queenes hyghnesse in reuoluinge the penall lawes, made by her progenitours, hath gyven occasion to many cankerd and traiterous hartes, to ymagine, practise, and attempte thinges, stirring the people to disobedience and rebellion against her highnes common pollicy, and due tie of subiectes, require that some lawe be erresones e lablyshed to restraine the malice of such wicked and euill doers, wher by they may be prohibited to blowe abroad such shameful faultes and lyes, as they daylye inuente and imagine of her hyghnesse, and the kynges maiestie her mooste lawefull husbnde. whiche when they bee harde can not be but odible, and detested of al good men consideringe they touche their maiesties, bypon whome dependeth the whole vnite, and vniuersall welthe of this realme.

In consideration wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and the queenes maiesties. with thassente of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled and by thauctoizite of the same. that if any person or persons after the fyrst day of february next to come during the marryage betwene the king & the queenes maiesties. do compass or ymagine to depzue the kynges maiestie. that now is, from the hauinge & inioynging toyn-ly toge ther with the Queenes hyghnes the stile, honoure, and kingly name of the realmes and dominions vnto our sayde soueraygne Lady the queenes highnes appertaynyng, or to destroye the kyng that now is, during the sayd matrimonye, or to destroye the queenes maiestie, that now is, or the heires of her bodye begotten, beinge kynges or Queenes of this Realme, or to leaue warre within this Realme of England, or within any of the marches of the same, agaynst the kynges maiestie, that now is, during the sayde marryage, or agaynst the queenes maiestie, that now is, or any of her sayd heires, beinge kynges or queenes of this Realme, or to depose the queenes maiestie that now is, or the heires of her bodye begotten, beinge kynges or queenes of this realme, from the Imperiall crowne of the Realmes and dominions abovesaid. And the same compasses, or imaginations, or any of th maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, shall or do utter by open preaching, expresse wordes, or saynges. or if any person or persons after the said first day of februarye by preaching expresse wordes or saynges shall maliciously, aduisedly, and directly saye, publyshe, declare, maintayne. or holde opinion, that the kynges maiestie, that now is. during the said matrimony ought not to haue or inioye, toyn-ly toge ther with the queenes maiestie. the stile, honoure, and kingly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, beinge neyther the kyng or the queenes maiesties that now are, duringe the sayde matrimony betwene them, ought to haue or enioye the stile, hon-

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noure, and kyngely name of this realme, or that the Queenes maiestie, that now is, during her life, is not, or of ryght ought not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heires of her hyghnes body being kynges or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to be kynges or queenes of this realme, or to haue and enioye y same, or that any person or persons, other then the queenes maiestie, that now is, during her life, ought to be queene of this realme, or after her death other then the heires of her body being kynges or queenes of this realme, as longe as any of her sayd heires of her bodye begotten, shal be in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioye the imperfall crowne of this realme. That then euery such offendour, being therof duely conuicted, or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, their abettours, procurers, and counsellours, and all, and euery theyr comforters, knowynge the sayde offences, or any of theym to be done, and being therof conuicted or attaynted, as is abovesayd, for his or their such offence, shall forsayte and lose to the queenes highnes, her heires and successours, all his and their goodes, and cattels, and the whole yssues and profyttes of his and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, for terme of the lyfe of euery suche offendoure or offendours, and also shal haue, and suffer, during his and their liues perpetual imprisonment.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by thaurthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euery ecclesiasticall person, being conuicted or attainted in fourme aforesaid, for euery such his offence, shalbe depriued by the ordinary from his promotion spirituall or ecclesiasticall, in suche lyke maner and forme, that it shalbe lawfull for euery patrone, founder, or giuer therof, to present, after such depriuation had, some one other to the same, as though the said offendour or offendours were deceased. And if any person or persons being hereafter conuicted, or attainted of any the sayd offences, in fourme aforesaid committed, shal after his or their conuiction, or attainder, eftsones committe or perpetrate any of the said offences in fourme aforesaid: That then euery suche seconde offence or offences shalbe demed, and adiudged hygh treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, theyr abettours, procurers, and counsellours, and al, and euery their aydours, and comforters, knowynge the said offences, or any of them to be done, being therof conuicted or attaynted, accor dyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe iudged and demed highe traytours, and shall suffer paynes of death, and loose and forsayte al their goodes, and cattels, landes, and tenementes, to the queenes maiestie, her heires, and successours, as in cases of high treason, by the lawes, of this realme at this day of right ought to be lost and forfeited.

And be it further enacted by the sayd auctoritie, y if any person or persons at any time after the said fyrst day of February next to come,
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durynge the sayde marryage, compasse, or ymagine the death of the kynges maiestie, that now is, and the same maliciously, aduysedly and directly shall utter and attempte by any wyrtynge, pryntynge, ouert dede or act, or yf any person or persons at any tyme after the laid fyrst day of february next commynge, shal maliciously, aduysedly, and directly, by wyrtynge, pryntynge, ouert dede, or act, affirme that the kynges maiestie, that now is, durynge the sayd matrimonie, ought not to haue, or enioy ioyntly togethers with the queenes hyghnes the style, honoure and kyngly name of this realme. or that any person or persons, beyng neyther the kyng, or the Queenes maiestie, that now is, durynge the said matrimonie betwene them ought to haue or enioy the style, honour, and kyngly name of this realme. Or yf any person or persons, after the sayd day, by any wyrtynge, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, maliciously, aduysedly, and directly, do affirme, that the queenes maiestie that now is, durynge her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be queene of this realme. or after her death, that the heyres of her hyghnes body being kynges or queenes of this realme, of right ought not to haue and enioy the Imperiall crowne of this realme, or that any person or persons other then the queenes maiestie, that now is, durynge her lyfe, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, being kynges or queenes of this realme, as longe as any of her sayde heyres of her body shal be in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the Imperiall crowne of this realme. That then euery suche offence and offences shalbe adiudged hygh treason, & the offender & offenders there in, theyr abettours, procurers, & counsellors, and al, and euery their aydours, and comforters, knowing the sayd offences, or any of them to be done, beinge therof convicted, or attaynted by the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytours, and shal suffer paynes of death, and lose and forsaite all theyr goodes, and cattels, landes, and tenementes to the Queenes maiestie, her heyres and successours as in cases of hygh treason, as is aboue sayde.

And albeit we the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, haue firme hope and confidence in the goodnes of Almyghty God, that lyke as he hath hether to myraculously preserved the queenes maiestie from many great and imminent perils and daungers, enen so he wyll of his infinite goodnes gyue her hyghnes strength, the rather by oure continuall prayers, to passe well the daunger of deliuerance of chyld, wherewith it hath pleased hym, (to all our greate comfortes, to blesse het. Yet forasmuche as all thynges of this worlde be uncerteyne, and hauynge before our eyes the dolorous experience of the inconstant gouernemente durynge the tyme of the reigne of the late kyng, Edward the fyrste, do playnely see the manysolde inconueniences, greate daungers, and perils, that may ensue to this hole realme, yf foresyght be not bled

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to pzeuent euyl chaunces, yf they shulde happen. For the esche wyng
 wherof, we the Lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons
 in this pzeent parliament assembled for, and in consideration of a most
 special trust and confidence, that we haue, and repose in the kinges ma
 iestie, for, and concernyng the good and pollytike gouernment orde,
 and administration of this realme in the tyme of the yonge yeares of
 the issue or liues of her maiesties body to be bozne, if it shulde please
 God to call the Quenes highnes out of this pzeent lyfe, duringe the
 tender yeares of suche issue or issues (wh ch God for bidde) accordyng
 to suche orde and maner as hereafter in this pzeent acte, his hygh
 nes most gracious pleasure is shulde be declared and sette forth, haue
 made our most humble suite or thassent of the Quenes highnes, that
 his maiestie would bouchesafe to accepte and take vpon hym the rule,
 orde, education, and gouernement of the sayd issue or issues to bee
 bozne, as is aforesayd, vpon which our suite being of his sayd maiestie
 moste graciously accepted. It hath pleased his highnes not onely to
 declare, that like as for the fyrst part his maiestie verely trusteth, that
 almyghtie God (who hath hitherto pzeferued the queenes maiestie) to
 giue this realme so good an hope of certayne successiō in the blu roial
 of the same realme, will assit her highnes with his graces & benedicti
 ons, to see the fruite of her body wel brought forth, liue, and able to
 gouerne, wherof neither al this realme ne al the worlde besides shuld,
 or coulde receaue moze comforte, then his maiestie shulde and woulde.
 Yet yf such chaunce shulde happen, his maiestie at our humble desires
 is pleased and contented, not alonely to accepte and take vpon hym the
 cure and charge of the education, rule, orde, and gouernement of such
 issues, as of this most happy mariage shal be bozne betwene the quee
 nes highnes and hym, but also duringe the tyme of such gouernement,
 wold by all wayes and meanes study, trauayle, and imploye h/m selfe
 to aduance the weale, both publique and pziuate of this realme and
 dominions there vnto belongyng, accordyng to the sayd truste in hys
 maiestie reposed, with no lesse good wyll and affection, then yf hys
 hyghnes had byn naturally bozne amongst vs.

In consideration wherof best enacted by the kyng and the quee
 nes most excellent maiesties, by thassent of the Lordes spiritual and
 tempozall, and the commons of this pzeent Parliament assembled,
 and by thauethozitic of the same that if it shal so please God, to call
 the queenes maiestie out of this pzeent lyfe, whiche god forbide, be
 fore the issue of her bodye, inheritable to the crowne of this realme, yf
 it be male shal acconply the age of. xliii. yeares, or if it be female,
 before it shal be of the age of. xv. yeares, and not married, after the age
 of consent, and before the said age of. xv. yeares: That then and imme
 diatly after, and from the decesse of our sayd Soueraigne Ladye the
 queene, the kinges maiesty, that now is, shal haue the rule, orde, edu
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cacion and gouernemente of the persone of suche issue, or issues, and the rule, or dre, and gouernement (vnder suche issue, or issues) of this realme, and the dominions to the same belongyng, vntill the same issue, or issues, inheritable to the Imperiall crowne of this realme, if it bee male, shall accomplishe the full age of eightene yeres, and if it bee female, vntill suche issue female, shall accomplishe the age of fiftene yeres, and be married after the age of consent, and before the said age of fiftene yeres, if the said issue or issues, and our said soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, shall so long liue together: and that durynge, and by all the tyme of suche gouernemente, all, and euery the partes, covenantes, articles, and agreements, mentioned and comprised in the treatises, and acte of Parliament, and euery of thein, made, and concluded, for, and concernyng the honourable marriage, had and consummate, betwene the Kyng and Quenes Maiesties, whiche on the behalfe of his Maiestie, been to be obserued, perfourmed and kept, shall after the deceasse of the Quenes Maiestie, durynge the tyme of the said gouernement, remaine, continue, and be in as good, and full force strength, and effecte, to all intentes, and purposes, as thei were at any tyme, durynge the said Marriage, or now been, and as if thei were newly by apte wordes, termes, and sentences, inserted and reherced in this presente Acte, and newly made and enacted, to stand, remaine, continue, and to bee obserued, and kepte, durynge the tyme of the said gouernemente, and shalbe by his Maiestie, durynge the said tyme inuolably obserued, perfourmed, mainteigned, and vpholden, in suche sorte, and in as full, large, and ample maner, to all respectes, as thei shoulde, and ought to be, durynge the tyme of the said marriage, or after: and his highnes, and the Quenes moste excellent Maiestie, are pleased and contented, that it be enacted by this present Parliament, that nothyng shalbe dooen, permitted, or assented vnto by his Maiestie to the contrary.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any persone or persones, durynge the tyme that our said soueraigne Lorde the Kyng that now is, shall, and ought to haue the dre, rule, education, and gouernement of suche issue, or issues, beyng Kyng or Quene of this realme, accordyng to the dre and prouision aforesaid, maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, by writyng, pryncyng, ouerte dedde, or acte, dooe compasse, attempte, and go aboute to destroye the persone of our said soueraigne Lorde, or to depriue, or remoue his said highnesse, from the dre, rule, education, and gouernemente of the same issue, or issues, beyng Kyng or Quene of this realme, contrary to the tenour, entent, and true meanyng of this present acte: that then euery suche persone or persones so offendyng, their procurers and abettours, beyng therof lawfully conuicted or attainted by the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged high Traitors: And that all

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all and every suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treason: And the offendour and offendours therein, their procurers, counsaillours, and abettours, shall incurre the daungers, forsaithures, and penalties of hygh treason.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd, that al trials hereafter to be had, awarded, or made, for any treason, shalbe had, & bled onely, according to the due order and course of the comon lawes of this realme, and not other wyse: Savyng to every persone and persones, bodies polityke and corporate, their heyres, and successours, other then the offendours, and their heyres, and suche persone & persones, as clayme to anye of theyr bles, all suche rightes, titles, interestes, possessions, leasles, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profittes, whiche they, or any of them shall haue at the daye of the committinge suche treasons, or at any tyme afoze, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

Provided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by thauthozitie aforesayd, that conceyement, or keepyng secrete of any hygh treason, be demed and taken onely, misprision of treason, & the offenders therein to forsaite and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore bene bled. Any thing above mencionned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if it shall for tyme hereafter any of the peares of this realme, to be indicted of any of the offences made treason, or misprision of treason by this acte, that then the same peare or peares, so bepyng indicted, shalbe putte to answer vnto every suche enditement, before the hyghe steward of England for the tyme bepyng, and to haue his and their triall by his and theyr peares, and to receiue and haue such like iudgement vpon the same tryal of his or their peares, or makyng open confession of the same offence or offences, as is bled in other cases of hyghe treason.

And it is further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that no persone or persones shall in any wyse be impeched for any of the offences above sayde, committed onely by open preaching, or wordes, onlesse the offender or offenders be therof indicted within fyve monethes next after the same open preaching or wordes. Any thing contarynd in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that vpon the arraignement of any persone, whiche hereafter shal for tyme to be arraigned for any treason, mentioned in this acte, all, and every suche persone & persones, or two of the at the least, as shal hereafter be brought forth in persone before the partie arraigned, shall, if they be then lyving, and within the realme, be brought forth in persone before the partie arraigned, & they requyre the same, and obiecte, and saye openly in his hearpyng, what they

they or any of them tan against hym, for, or concernyng any the treasons, contained in the indictment, whereupon the partie shalbe so arraigned, onlesse the partie arraigned for any suche treason, shall willyngly confesse the same at the tyme of his or their arraignment.

Provided neuerthelesse, and be it enacted by thaurthoritie aforesaid that in all cases of highe treason, concernyng coyne curraunt within this realme, or for counterfeiting the Kyng or Queenes signet priuie seale, great seale, or signe manuell, suche maner of triall, and none other be obserued and kept, as heretofore hath bene vsed by the common lawes of this realme. Any lawe, statute, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours for his or their first offence shall suffer like punishment, penaltie, and forfayture, as is conteyned in this acte against the principall offendours for their first offence, and none other. And that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours for his or their seconde offence shall sustayne lyke punishment, penaltie, & forfayture as is conteyned in this acte agaynst the principall offendour or offendours for their seconde offence, and none other.

An Acte for the punishment of bringing in of counterfeyte coyne of forrayne realmes, beyng curraunt within this realme.

The .xj. Chapter.



Here diuerse and sondrie coynes of golde and silver of other realmes, not beyng of the propre coyne of this realme of Englande, and yet by the sufferance and consent of the kyng and queene our Soveraygne Lord and Lady, be curraunt in payment within this realme, many y^e disposed persones for their owne corrupte lucre & advantage, haue nowe of late brought into this realme, from the parties of beyond the sea, great quantitie of forged and counterfeyte money, lyke to the sayde coyne of other forreyne realmes, and haue offered the same here by marchaundysing, and other wyse to diuerse of the subiectes of this realme, to their great deceyte, hurte, and damage, because the sayde y^e disposed persones haue perceaued and vnderstanded, that there was not, nor yet is any sufficient lawe or statute made or provided for the condigne punishment of the offendours in that behalfe.

wherfore be it enacted and established by the aucthoritie of this presente parliament, that if anye persone or persones, after the xx. daye of January nexte commyng, shall bringe from the parties of

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of beyond the sea into this realme, or into any the deminions of the same any such false and counterfeyte coyne or money, being curraunt within this realme, as is aforesayde, knowing the same coyne or money to be false and counterfeyte, to thintent to utter, or make paymet with the same within this realme, or any the dominions of the same, by marchaundyng, or other wyse, that all, and every such persone or persones so offendyng, as is aforesayde, their counsaillours, procurours, apdres, and abettors in that behalfe, shalbe demed and indged to be offendours in hyghe treason, and shall suffer after lawfull conuiction or attenyder therof, such paynes of death, losse and forfayture of landes, goodes, and cattelles, as other offendours shall do, in cases of hyghe treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and every persone and persones, that shall at any tyme after the sayde .xx. daye of Januarie, be accused or impeched of any of the offences, conteined and provided for in this estatute, or of any other offence or offences, concernyng the impaynyng, counterfeytyng, or forgynge of any coyne curraunt within this realme, shall, and maye be indicted, arrestered, tryed, conuicted, or attenyed by such like evidence, and in such maner and forme, as hath bene vsed & accustomed within this realme, at any tyme before the first yeare of the reigne of our late soveraigne lord kyng Edward the first. Any statute, custome, lawe, or vsage to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the impounding of distresses.

The .xij. Chapter.



Of the avoyding of greivous vexacions, exactions, troubles, and disorder in taking of distresses, and impounding of cattel, be it enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, that from, and after the first daie of April next coming, no distresse of cattel shalbe taken out of the hundred, rape, wapentake, or lath, where such distresse is, or shalbe taken, except it be to a pounde, ouerthewithin the sayd shire, not aboue thre myles distant, from the place where the sayd distresse is taken, and that no cattel, or other goodes distresned, or taken by waye of distresse, for any maner of cause, at one tyme shalbe impounded in severall places, whereby the owner or owners of such distresse shalbe constrained to sue severall replevies for the deliverie of the sayd distresse, so taken at one tyme, upon payne every persone, offendyng contrary to this acte, shall forfayte to the partie grieved for every such offence a hundred shillinges, and treble damages.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that after the

the said first day of Apryl, no person or persons shall take for keeping in pounce, impounding, or pounceage of any manner of distresse, above the somme of .iij. pence for any one whole distresse, & shalbe so impounded, and where lesse hath bene used, there to takelesse, upon the payne of fyne pounce to be payed to the partie greued, ouer and besides such money as he shall take, above the somme of foure pence. Any vslage or prescription to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

AND for the more speedier deliuerie of cattell, taken by waye of distresse, it is further enacted by the sayd authoritie, that every Shyriffe of shires, being no cities, nor townes made shires, shal at his first countie daye, or within two monethes nexte after he hath receaued his patente of his office of Shyriffshere, shall depute, appoynte, and proclaime in the shire towne within his baylywike, foure deputies at the least, dwelling not above twelue myles, one by shauente from another, which sayd deputies so appoynted and proclaime, shall haue authoritie in the Shyriffes name, to make repleuies, and reluerance of such distresses, in such manner and forme, as the Shyriffe may, or ought to do upon payne that every Shyriffe, for every moneth that he shall lacke such depute or deputies, shall forsayte for every suche offence fyne poundes, the one halfe of which forsaytures shalbe to the kyng and Queenes highnes; her heires and successours; the other halfe to hym that wil sue for the same by bill plaint, information, or action of debte, in any the kyng and queenes courttes of recorde, in which no empygne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

And an acte appoyntynge in order to iustices of peace, touching the baylement of prysoners.

The. xiii. Chapter.

WHERE in the parlyament holden at Westmynster, in the thre yere of the reigne of the noble prynces, kynge Henry the seventh, it was amonge other thynges ordeined and enacted, that no prysoner arrested for felonye, shoulde be letten to bayle or viage pryncely, by any one Justice of peace, but by the hole Justices, or at least by two of the, wherof one to be of the Quorum. Wherby the making of which estatute, one Justice of peace, in the name of hym selfe, and one other of the Justices his companion, not making the sayd Justice parte, nor pryncely into the case, wherfor the prysoner shoulde be bayled, hath often times by smaller labour, and moneys, for at large the greuous, and notable offenders, suche as be not repleuiable by the lawes of this realme, and yet the rather to be so therby detayned in their behalfe, hath vnderpyned the cause of their apprehension to be but only by suspition of felonye, wherby the

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sayde offendours haue escaped unpunished; and do dayly, to the high displeasure of almighty God, the great peryll of the kynge and Queenes true subiectes, and encozagement of all theues and euyll doers.

For refozmation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge and Queenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from, and after the fyfte day of Apryll next commynge, no Justice, or Justices of peace, shall lette to bayle or maynpryce, any such person or persons, whiche for any offence or offences, by them, or any of them committed, be declared not to be replenished or bayled, or be ordeyned to be repyled, or bayled, by the estatute of westmynster, made in the parlyament, holden in the thirde years of the reygne of kynge Edward the fyrst. And furthermore, that any person or persons arrested for manslaughter or felony, or suspicion of manslaughter or felony, being bayleable by the lawe, shall not after the sayd fyrst day of Apryll, be let to bayle or maynpryce, by any Justice of peace, if it be not in open Sessions, excepte it be by two Justices of peace at least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, & the same Justices to be present together, at the tyme of the said bailment or mainpryce, whiche baylement or maynpryce they shall certifie in wrytynge, subscribed, or signed with their owne handes, at the nexte generall gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the countie, where the sayd person or persons shalbe arrested or suspected. And that the sayde Justices, or one of them, being of the Quorum, when any such person or persons brought before them for any manslaughter or felony, before any baylement or maynpryce, shall take the examination of the sayd prisoner and information of them that bringes hym, of the facts, and circumstances therof, and the same, or as much therof, as shalbe materiall all to proue the felonye, shall putte in wrytynge before they make the same baylement, whiche sayde examination together, with the sayde baylement, the sayde Justices shall certifie at the nexte generall gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the countie of the commysion, and that every Coroner, upon any inquisition before hym founde, wherby any person or persons shalbe indicted for murder, or manslaughter, or as accessory, or accessories to the same, before the murder or manslaughter committed, shall put in wrytynge the effecte of the evidence, given to the Jurye before hym, being materiall, and aswell the sayde Justices, as the sayde Coroner shall have auctorite by this acte, to bynde all such by recognisance or obligation, as do declare any thing materiall, to proue the sayd murder or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessory, or accessories to the same, as is aforesaid, to appeare at the next generall gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the Countie, cite or towne corporate, where the indictment shalbe returned, and there to geue evidence against the partie so indicted, at the tyme

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no person arrested for felony or suspicion of felony shall be let to bail or mainprize by any Justice of peace, except by two Justices of peace at least, one of whom shall be of the Quorum, and the same Justices shall be present together at the time of the said bailment or mainprize, and they shall certify in writing, subscribed or signed with their own hands, at the next general gaole delivery, to be holden within the county, where the said person or persons shall be arrested or suspected.

no person arrested for felony or suspicion of felony, before any bailment or mainprize, shall take the examination of the said prisoner and information of them that bringes him, of the facts, and circumstances thereof, and the same, or as much thereof, as shall be materiall all to prove the felonye, shall putte in writing before they make the same bailment, which said examination together, with the said bailment, the said Justices shall certify at the next general gaole delivery, to be holden within the county of the commission, and that every Coroner, upon any inquisition before him founde, whereby any person or persons shall be indicted for murder, or manslaughter, or as accessory, or accessories to the same, before the murder or manslaughter committed, shall put in writing the effecte of the evidence, given to the Jurye before him, being materiall, and aswell the said Justices, as the said Coroner shall have authority by this acte, to bind all such by recognisance or obligation, as do declare any thing materiall, to prove the said murder or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessory, or accessories to the same, as is aforesaid, to appear at the next general gaole delivery, to be holden within the County, cite or towne corporate, where the indictment shall be returned, and there to give evidence against the party so indicted, at the time

of his trespall and shall certifie aswell the same eydence, as such bonde and bondes in wrytyng, as he shall take together, with the inquisition, or indictment befoze hym taken and founde, at, or befoze the tyme of his sayd trespall therof, to be had or made. And lykewise, the said Justices shall certifie all and euery suche bonde, taken befoze theym, in lyke maner as befoze is sayde of baylementes and examination. And in case any iustice of peace, or Quorum, or Cozoner, shall after the sayd fyrst day of Apryl, offende in any thyng contrary to the true intente, and meaning of this present acte: That then the Justices of gaole deliuey, of the Shire cite, towne, or place, where suche offence shall happen to be committed, vpon due profe therof, by examination befoze them shall for euery suche offence, let suche fyne on euery of the same Justices of peace, and Cozoner, as the same Justices of gaole deliuey shall thinke mete, and shall extre the same as other fynes and amerciamentes assesse befoze Justices of gaole deliuey ought to be.

Provyded alwaies and be it further enacted by thauthozitie afoze sayd, that Justices of peace, and Cozoners within the cite of London and the countie of Middlesex, and in other cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, and Wales, shall within theyr seuerall iurisdiccions, haue authozitie to let to Bayle, sellons and pypsoners, in such maner and fourme as they haue bene heretofore accustomed, this acte or any thyng therein contained, to the contrary notwithstanding. And also shall take examinations, and bondes, as is aforesaid, vpon euery baylement by them or any of theym to be made, and shall certifie euery suche baylementes, bondes, and examinations by them or any of them, taken or made at the next gaole deliuey to be holden within the Shyre, cite, borough, or towne, where theyr seuerall iurisdiccions extendeth, vpon lyke peyne and forfayture, as is befoze lymitted in this present acte.

And be it also enacted by the authozitie aforesaid, that no writtes of Habeas corpus, or Certiorari, shall be hereafter graunted, to remoue any pypsoner out of any gaole, or to remoue any recognisaunte, except the same writtes be signed with the proper handes of the chief Justice, or in his absence, one of the Justices of the countie, out of whiche the same writtes shall be awarded, or made, vpon paine that he that writteth any suche writtes, not being signed as is aforesaid, to forfayte to our said soueraygne lord the kynge and the queene, for euery such writte and writtes, fyue poundes.

An acte for the making of russels, sattens, sattens rowers, and fustian of Naples in Nozwich.

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Here of late yeares passed, Russelles called Russelles Sattens, and Sattens reuerles, haue bynne practysed to be made beyonde the seas of the woolles, bredde in the countie of Norfolk, and by reason thereof so greate quantitie of the sayde Russelles Sattens, and Sattens Reuerles, haue bynne brought into this realme, solde and woꝛne aswell in euery parte of this realme, as in the partes beyonde the seas, that thereby the mysteries of woꝛstedes makynge, and weuyng, where by marchauntes, and inhabitauntes of the cite of Norwiche, haue heretofore byn well maynteyned and relieved, is now at this present almoste wholly decayed and brought out of estimation, and very lyttle woꝛne, eyther within this realme, or in any other foꝛeyne realmes, to the greate hynderaunce, and decay of the sayde cite, and Citeezing of the same cite. For remedye whereof Thomas Marcham Maiour of the Cite of Norwiche, John Corbet Esquier, Austen Steward, Robertte Leche, Robertte Ruge, John Ball, and Alexander Mather Aldermen of the sayde cite, Thomas Whall, Thomas Decke, Raphe Marcham, Robert Henry, John Sutton, Rycharde Tomson, Citeezing, and marchauntes of the sayde Cite, at theyꝝ great costes and charges, aswell in bynyng of certeyne strangers from the partes beyonde the seas into the sayd cite, as also in makynge of Lombes, and all other provision for the same, and also haue called vnto them eyght persons of the most discrete and worthy men of the misterie of woꝛstedes weuyng, within the sayde cite, that is to saye, John Cooke, James Lyn, John Crosse, Simon Weryt, John Marthal, Roger Leche, Edmonde Barker, and Edmonde Selers, beyng the number of .xvi. persons, which haue not onely made Russells Sattens, and Sattens Reuerles, and fustian of Naples within the sayd cite of Norwiche of Norfolk wolles, but also haue learned and taught other citeezing and inhabitauntes of the sayde cite to make the same, in such good and perfect maner, that muche better Russells Sattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and such lyke, and foꝛ easer pyles, be now at this present wrought and made within the sayde cite, then heretofore hath byn, or now be made in any of the parties beyonde the seas, wher by the sayd cite and inhabitauntes thereof, maye, and be lyke agayne to be relieved and brought to theyꝝ olde estate, to the great enrychment of the commodities of this realme, and enrychynge the same, yf some good and pollytike lawes and ordinaunces were made foꝛ the good continuance of the true makynge of the sayde Russelles Sattens, Sattens Reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and such lyke.

In consideration whereof be it enacted by the assente of the kynge and queenes hyghenes, the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this presente Parliament assembled, and by thauctoꝛitie of

of the same, that the said russels, lattens, and lattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, hereafter to be made onely within the said cite, may from henceforth beare the name, and be called by the name of *Dozwoiche* lattens, and *Dozwoiche* fustians, and that the *Mayor* and the afore mentioned citizens of the same cite, whiche befoze this tyme hath bene at the costes and charges of the byringinge of the said straungers into the same cite, for the making of the said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustians of Naples, and such the afore mentioned eyght persons, that they haue called vnto them, shal be a felowship of them selves, and shall yearly the thirde day of february choose of their felowes, foure wardynes within the Gyulde hall of the sayde cite, or anye other common and conuenient place in the same cite, and the same wardynes so being choosen, shall stande, and be wardens of the same felowshipp, duryng one whole yeare, next ensuing the said election, and that the same wardynes after the sayd election, shal come befoze the *Mayor* of the said cite for the tyme being, yearly the monday nexte after the said thirde daye of february, and befoze the sayde *Mayor* shal be sworn diligently, to viewe, searche, and see al the russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, then made, or that shal be made within the sayde cite, duryng the saide yeare. And such of the sayde russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, as shall appeare and be demed by them to be lawfully, truly, and workmanly wrought, shal seale with a seale of leade, bearyng the armes of the cite of *Dozwoiche*, wherby it may be knowne to the marchant, or buyer of them, that the same be allowed and truly made.

And that also it may be enacted by the auctorite afore said, that the said wardynes and felowshipp shal be a body corporate, and to be named, and be enabled by this acte to sue, and be sued, and to gyue, and to take by the name of wardynes, and felowshipp of the mystery of russels, lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of *Dozwoiche*, making within the said cite of *Dozwoiche*. And yf any defaulte at anye tyme shal be founde in any of the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of *Dozwoiche*, or in any of them by the saide wardynes, that the same defaulte shal be reformed, and the offendour or offendours therein to be punished, according to such rules and ordinaunces, as hereafter from tyme to tyme shal be made within the said cite by the *Mayor* of the said cite for the tyme being, and by the sayde foure wardynes, and the felowshipp of the sayde occupation or mystery, or the greatest number of the sayde felowshipp, for, and concernynge the same, and that the same defaultes from tyme to tyme, as occasion shal serue shal be requyred, of a tithed befoze the *Mayor* of the said cite of *Dozwoiche* for the tyme being, by the othes of twelue honeste men of the sayde felowshipp. And that the sayde foure wardynes so choosen and sworn, shal haue full power, auctorite, to do, execute,

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presente, and refozme all, and singuler thyng and thynges, of, for, and
 concernyng the sayd mysterie, makynge, workynge, and occupyng of
 the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerles, and fustian of Nozwich wyth
 in the sayd cite, in suche maner and forme, as in, or by the sayde ordy-
 naunces shalbe expessed and declared, and that at all tymes hereafter,
 and from tyme to tyme, it shalbe lawfull to the Maior of the sayd cite
 for the tyme being, and to the before named felowshipp and wardeynes
 of the same mysterie, and the more part of them, & to their successors,
 to make and ordaine frome tyme to tyme, rules, lawes, & ordinaunces,
 mete and necessary for the good ordre & gouernaunce of the said my-
 sterie, and for the true and well makynge of the said russels sattens, sat-
 tens reuerles, and fustian of Nozwich, and the same ordinaunces so
 made, to be at al tymes obeyed by al inhabitaunce of the said cite, or
 suburbs of the same, and to be put in due executiō by þe said maior and
 wardeynes and their successors for the tyme being, in such maner and
 forme, as by þe same ordinaunce shalbe ordeined and declared. And þe
 such as now be, and þe hereafter shalbe makers of the said russels sat-
 tens, sattens reuerles, and fustia of Nozwich, and euery of the within
 the said cite, shall nor fro henceforth occupie þe said mysterie, and ma-
 kyng of þe sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerles, and fustian of Noz-
 wich, nor of any of them within the sayde cite, by the selfes, or by any o-
 ther, before he or they so occupying the sayd mysterie within the sayd
 cite, be made free of the sayd cite, and admitted to be of the sayd felow-
 shipp by þe Maior of the said cite, and wardeynes, and felowshipp of the
 said mysterie for the tyme being. And that no person do occupie by him-
 selfe, or any other for hym out of the sayd cite, the sayd mysterie of ma-
 king of russels sattens, sattens reuerles, and fustians of staples, or of
 any of them, before he or the so occupying the same, haue bene penitice
 to the said mysterie by the terme of seven yeaers, or els admitted by
 the said Maior and felowshipp, or þe more parte of them, vpon payne of
 forsaiture of þe same russels sattens, sattens reuerles, and fustia of Noz-
 wich by the, or any of the to be made contrary to þe forme of this acte.
 And provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaid, that
 the said Maior and wardeynes for the tyme being, shall not take anye
 somme of monye, or rewarde to their owne proper uses, for the admit-
 ting of any person or persons to occupie the sayd mysterie, vpon payne
 of forsaiture of treble the value of the rewarde, or somme of monye, so
 by them or any of them to be taken.
 And provided also, that it shalbe lawfull to the said wardeynes, and to
 euery of them for þe tyme being, by all waies and meanes, & at all law-
 ful tymes, diligently from tyme to tyme, to make search by deuoer and dili-
 genty wayes, for al maner of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerles,
 and fustian of Nozwich that shall happen to be foinde by them defec-
 tyue, for lacke of good and true workmanship. And that it shalbe law-
 full

full to the sayd wardaynes, & every of them for the time being, by vertue of this acte, to seale & take the sayde russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustian, & bryng and present the same clothes so sealed and taken, to the Maior of þe said cite for the time being, & vnto his successors, to thintent that twelue honest, lawfull, and expert men of the said mysterie & felowship being sworn befoze the sayd Maior, may by vertue of their othes, make inquicie, and present the maner of the sayde defaultes befoze the said Maior, for þe tyme being, according to suche good and holisome ordinaunces and rules, as shalbe ordeined and made for the conseruation & good continuance of the said occupation and mysterie, & the true making and working of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustians of Nozwyche. And that all & every person and persons, that shall occupie, vse, & exercise the said mysterie, or making of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustians of Nozwyche, or any of them, contrary to the forme, tenour, playne meaning, & intent of this acte, and of the rules and ordinaunces, that at any tyme hereafter by auctorite of this acte shalbe ordeined & made for the continuance of the true & perfect making of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustian of Nozwyche, shal forsayte and loose for every tyme so offending, or makinge any russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustian of Nozwyche, contrarie to the meaninge, tenour, & effect of the said acte, rules, and ordinaunces, concerninge the same, suche fines, amerciamentes, & paines, as shalbe adjudged, assessed, and affered by twelue expert men of the said felowshippe vpon their othes, the same twelue persons to be sworn befoze the said Maior & wardaynes to enquire & make true verdicte, & presentment of suche defaultes, the one halfe of al which forseynture to be to þe Maior of the said cite for þe time being, & his successors, and thother moytie to the said wardaynes for the time being, & their successors, by action of dette, bill, plainte, or information in any court of record, in which action, bill, plaint, or information no wager of lawe, protection, inhibition, or forrein Plee, shalbe allowed. And in case it shall fortune hereafter, þe any of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustian of Nozwyche shal lacke of such lengthes & bredthes, or of the true & insuing making, or sorting of þe yarne, as shalbe appoynted, & set forth by the said rules & ordinaunces, and the same so to be found defectiue by verdicte of twelue men of the said felowship befoze the said Maior & wardaynes & their successors: That then the said russels sattens, sattens reuerles, & fustians of Naples, & euerye of them so found defectiue, to be cutte in two peces, & to paye suche fine or fines as shalbe affered & assessed by þe said twelue expert men by vertue of their othes, þe one moytie of which fine or fines to be to the Maior of the said cite for the tyme being, & to his successors, and thother moytie to the wardaynes of the said felowshippe for the tyme beinge, and to their successors.

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Provyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauthozitie afoze sayd, that yf any wardeyne or wardeynes for the tyme being, of p'said mystery or occupation of makynge of russels sattens, sattens reuerles, a rustian of Naples, shall at any tyme hereafter seale, or cause to be sealed any russels sattens, sattens reuerles, or rustians of Naples, p shall not be well, sufficient, and truly wrought, and made, accozdyng to the true intent, and meanyng of this present act, shal forsayt and lose for every peece so sealed, beyng not wel, sufficient, and truly wrought and made, the whole value of every such peece so sealed, thome halfe of whiche forsaytures to be to the kynge and Queenes maiesties, her heyres and successours, and thother moitie thereof to be to such person and persons, as shall sue for the same by byl, action, or information, in any of the kynges courtes of recozde, in which byl, action, or information no essoygne, protection, or wager of lawe shal be allowed.

An acte to confirme the liberties of the Lorde Marchers in wales.

The. x. Chapter.



Um bly be sechen your excellent maiesties, your true and faythfull Subiectes, the Lordes marchers bothe spiri-
tual and temporal, within your hyghenesse dominion of
wales, that where as in a parliament holden at west-
che. x. bit. peare of the reygne of kynge Henry the xth.
father hnto you oure statutall. Soueraygne Ladye, a-
monges other thynges, one act was made & establisshed for lawes &
iustice to be mynistrred in the sayd dominion of wales, in lyke forme as
it is in this realme of England, in the which act, one article is, that for
that the lordes Marchers before y parliament, had bled to put the
tenauntes within their lordshippes Marchers, under common mayn-
pyce & suertie of apparauice, and haue hadde the forseyntures thereof,
which for ever, from, & after the feast of all sayntes, then next ensuynge
the sayd parliament, shuld utterly cease, and be determyned. It was
enacted, that after the sayd feast of all sayntes, every lay, & temporal
person, then being a lorde marcher, shulde haue the moytie or halfe of
every forseynture, of al, and every common mainpyce, recognisance for
the peace or apparance, forseynted by any of the tenauntes, inhabiting
within any of the lordshippes Marchers, and they to be payed y same
moytie or halfe, by the handes of the Shyryffe of euery of the countie
where such forseynture shalbe, yf the Shyryffe can leade the same, and the
same Shyryffe to accompt to our sayd late Soueraygne lord the kynge
for the other halfe of moytie, in such exchequer, as they be accountable.

And further it was enacted by thauthozitie afoze sayd, that all, and
every lay, & tempo al person or persons, then being lordes marchers,
and hauynge any lordshippes marchers, or lordshippes royals, shuld fed,
and after the sayd feast of al sayntes, haue al such myses and profytes
of

of theyr tenants, as they haue had or bled to haue, at the fyrst entry into theyr landes in times past. And also shuld haue, hold, & kepe, with in the precinct of theyr lordshippes, courtes baron, courtes lete, and lawdayes, and al and euery thyng to the sayd courtes belonging, and also shuld haue with in the precinct of theyr sayd lordships, or lawday wayf, strayf, infangethese, outfangethese, treasure troue deodandes, goodes, and cattels of fellows, & of persons condemned, or outlawed of felony or murther. put in exigent for felony or murther, and also wrecke de mer, wharfage, and customes of strangers, as they haue had in time past, as though such priuileges were graunted vnto them by poynt of charter, any thyng in that acte to the contrarye notwithstanding, as in y sayd act of parliament moze at large it may appeare.

And forasmuch as Bishops, and other ecclesiastical persons, beinge lordes marchers, hauing the lyke liberties, casualties, profittes, & commodities within theyr lordships marchers, and lordships royall, within the sayd dominion, or principalltie of Wales, were not prouided for by the expresse letter of the sayd Statute, in lyke sort as the laye and tempozall lordes marchers were: but rather of purpose, as it shoulde seeme for gotten, and left out of the sayde Acte, agaynst all reason, and good equitie: And forasmuch also, as the heyres and successours of the lay and tempozal lordes marchers, then being, were not prouided for, by the limitation, and expresse wordes of the sayd act, as wel as their auncesters, & predecessors were, as reason wold they shulde haue byn.

It may please your maiesties of your mooste gracious fauour and benignitie, at the humble suit, and supplication of your sayde faythfull subiectes, the lordes marchers that nowe are, in the sayde dominion of Wales, both spiritual and tempozal, to graunt that it may by thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal and the commons in this present parliament assembled, be ordeyned, establisshed, and enacted, by thauenthoritie of this present parliament, that as wel your sayd spiritual, & ecclesiasticall subiectes, lordes marchers, now hauing lordshippes marchers, or lordshippes royall in wales as forsayd, and theyr successours, & the successours of euery of them, as also the heyres and successours of the lordes tempozal marchers, that then were, or nowe be, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, being, or which hereafter shal be, lordes marchers, within theyr lordshippes marchers, and lordshippes royals, in the dominion, or principalltie of wales, shal haue, and enioye to them, & to theyr heyres, & successours, respectiuelly, and seuerally for euer, the moortie & halfe of euery forfayture, of al & euery comon mainprize, recognisance for the peace, or apperance for seyted by any of theyr tenants, inhabiting within any of theyr lordships marchers, or lordships royall, & they to be payed the same moortie or halfe, by the handes of the shryffe of the countie, for the time being, after such fourme & sort, as the sayd lay or tempozal lordes marchers haue byn, or ought to haue byn

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byn payed the same, by force of the sayde Statute.

And further, Shall haue al such misles, & profyts of theyr tenauntes, as the lordes marchers, spiritual or tempozall respectiue, or seuerally had, or bled to haue at theyr fyrst entry into theyr lands in tymes past, befoze the makynge of the sayd act or statute. And also shal haue, hold, & kepe, withyn the pzeinct of theyr sayd lordships, al such courtes baron courtes lete, & lawdayes, & al and euery thyng and thynges, to þ same courtes belongynge, & also shal haue withyn the pzeinct of theyr sayde seueral lordships, or lawdayes, al such wayf, strayf, infangthefe, outfanthefe, treasure troules, deodandes, goodes, & cattels of fellows, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felony or murther, put in exigent for felony or murther, and also al such wrecke de mer, wharfage and customes of straungers, as the lordes marchers, spiritual, and tempozal, respectiue, and seuerally had and bled in tymes past, befoze the makynge of the sayde Statute.

In acte for the continuance of certayne statutes. Cap. xvi.

Where in the parliament begon & holden at London the.iii. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yeate of the reygne of oure most dread souereygne lord of most famous memozy, king Henry theight, & from thence adourned to Westm. and there holden, & continued by dyners prozogations, vnto þ dissolution therof, one act was made and establyshed, for the restraynt of carlage, & conueying of hores, and mares out of this realme, & also one other acte was there made, for the true wyndynge of wolles, and one other act was there made, to restrayn kylling of waynynge, bullockes, stieres, & heifers, being vnder thage of .ii. yeares, which sayde seueral actes were then made to endure & continue to the next parliament, as by the sayd seueral actes moze playnly apereyth. And where also in the same parliament, one other act was made & establyshed, for attaintes to be sued, for the punishment of perjury, vpon vntreue berdictes, which actes last befoze rehearsed, were then made & ordeyned, to continue & endure to the last day of þ next parliament, as by þ same act moze playnly at large is shewed & may appeare. And where also, in the parliament begon & holden at Westm. theight day of June, in the. xxviii. yeate of the reygne of oure sayd most dread souereygne lord, king Henry theight, & there continued and kept, vntil the dissolution therof, it was ordeyned & enacted, that al & singular the sayd actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, shuld continue & endure in theyr force and strength, & also be obserued & kept vntyl the last daye of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges oþer thynges therein contained moze playnly apereyth. And where also in the parliament begon & holden at West. the. xxviii. day of Apryl, in the. xxi. yeate of þ reygne of oure sayd late most dread soueraigne Lord, kyng Henry theight, and there

there continued until the xxviii. day of June then next followinge, it was ordeyned and enacted by thautozitis of the same parliament: þ all & singuler the sayd severall actes aboue remembred, & euery of the, & al clauses, articles, & prouissions in them, & euery of them conteyned, shuld continue & endure in theyr force & strenght, and also be obserued & kept, until the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thynges therein conteyned, moze playnely appeareth. And where in the parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxv. yeare of the reygne of our sayd late soueraigne lord kyng Henry the. viii. one act was made for the preseruation of woodes, to endure for. vii. yeares then next followinge, & from thence to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same act moze playnely both & maye appeare. And where also at the parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxviii. yeare of the reygne of our sayd kyng Henry the. viii. & there continued and kept until þ dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned & enacted, þ al & singuler the sayd actes aboue mentioned, & euery of them, except the sayd act made for the preseruation of woodes, as is also sayd, shuld continue & endure in their force & strenght, & also to be obserued & kept, until the last day of the next parliament the followinge, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein conteyned moze playnly appeareth. And where also at the session of the parliament, ended at Westm. the. xiiii. day of Marche, in the. lxxv. yeare of the reygne of our late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the. vi. one act was made for the true couerynge of leather, which acte was made to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same acte moze playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a parliament, ended at Westm. the. first day of February, in the. fourthe yeare of the reygne of our said late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the. vi. one act was then & there made, concerning the buyinge of rother beastes. And also one other act was then & there made, touching the buyinge & sellinge of butter & chese, which sayd severall actes were then and there made, to endure and continue, to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same severall actes moze at large is both and maye appeare. And where also at the session of a parliament by prouocation holden at Westm. the. xiiii. day of January, in the. vi. yeare of the reygne of our said soueraigne lord, one other acte was then and there made, against regratours and forstallers, to endure to the ende of the next parliament, which al and singuler the said actes aboue mentioned together, with þ said acte concerning the preseruation of woodes, at a parliament holden at Westm. the. first day of Marche, in the. vii. yeare of the reygne of our sayd soueraigne lord kyng Edward the. vi. and there continued and dissolved the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and al clauses, articles, & prouissions in the, & euery of them conteyned, were there reuokyd & continued, to stand in their force & strenght, until the last day of the next parliament. And where also at the session of a parliament holden by prouocation at Westm. the. xxviii. day of October, in the. i. yeare

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of the raygne of our most gracious soueraigne lady *q*ueene, and there continued & kept until the dissolution therof, one act was there made & established agaynst unlawful & rebellious assēbles, to endure to the end of *p* next parliament as by *p* same act more playnly doth, & may appere. And where also at *p* same session of parliament last before mentioned, al *a* singular *p* actres aboue mentioned, & before that tyme continued & sodaynly parliaments, as is aforesayd, & al clauses, articles, & provisions in them, & euery of the contained, were there reuiued, and continued to stand in their force & strength, vnto the last day of the next parliament. Forasmuch as al, & singular the said seueral actres aboue mentioned, be good & beneficial for *p* common welth of this realme. We it therefore enacted, ordeined, & established by *p* king & queene our soueraigne lady & lady, with thassent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assēbled, & by thauthorite of the same, that al, & singular the said seueral actres and statutes aboue mentioned, & rehearsed, & euery of the, and al clauses, articles, & provisions in them, & euery of the contained, shal be reuiued, continued, stand, & endure in their force & strength, to al intentes, constructions, & purposes, & shal be obserued & kept in al thinges, vntil the last day of *p* next parliament.

An Acte touchynge leases, hereafter to be made by certayne spiritual persons. Cap. xlviii.

Where in the parliament begun & holden at well: the xxviii day of Iune, in *p*. xviii. yere of the raygne of our late king of famous memory Henry the eighth, & there continued & kept until *p* dissolution of *p* same parliament, the xxviii. day of Iune then next following, one act intituled an act for restitution of certain scutles in the tyme of vacacion, to the very next hole, was had & made, wherein are certayne clauses for leases then made to be made by spiritual & ecclesiastical persons, to indure, & be in force for tenn. of. yeres. If *p* high dignities did resigne theye sayd spiritual promotions, or if *p* same should other wise become holde by thonly act of *p* same person, or by *p* same act in order at large may appere. To the intent the persons, and others, and others, hauing care of souls, may the better attende, and be the more vigilant in their ministerie and function.

Well enacted by *p* king our soueraigne lord, & the queene our soueraigne lady, with thassent of *p* lordes spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assēbled, & by thauthorite of the same, & assent of the same act, as doth concerne the making good of *p* said leases, the said clause, sentence, provision, or article therein contained, shal extend, or be construed, or aduised to extend to any lease, that shalbe made by any person, or by any other hauing any spiritual promotion, after the lease of the purification of our Lady next commynge.